

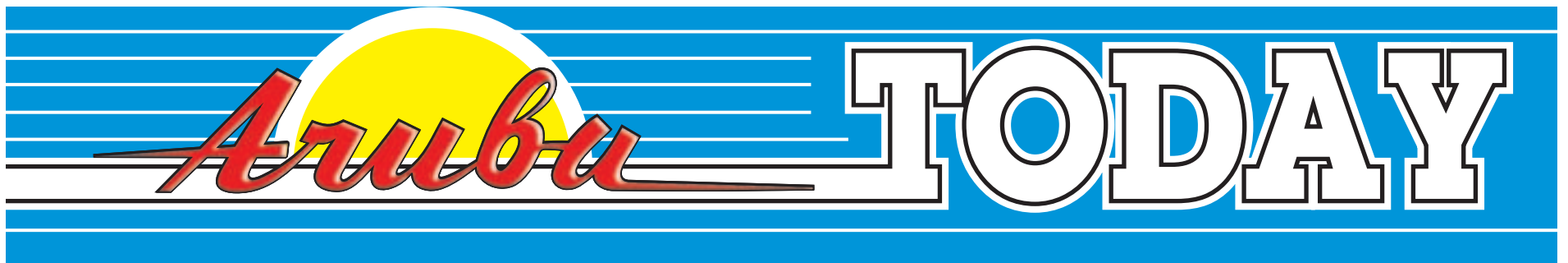
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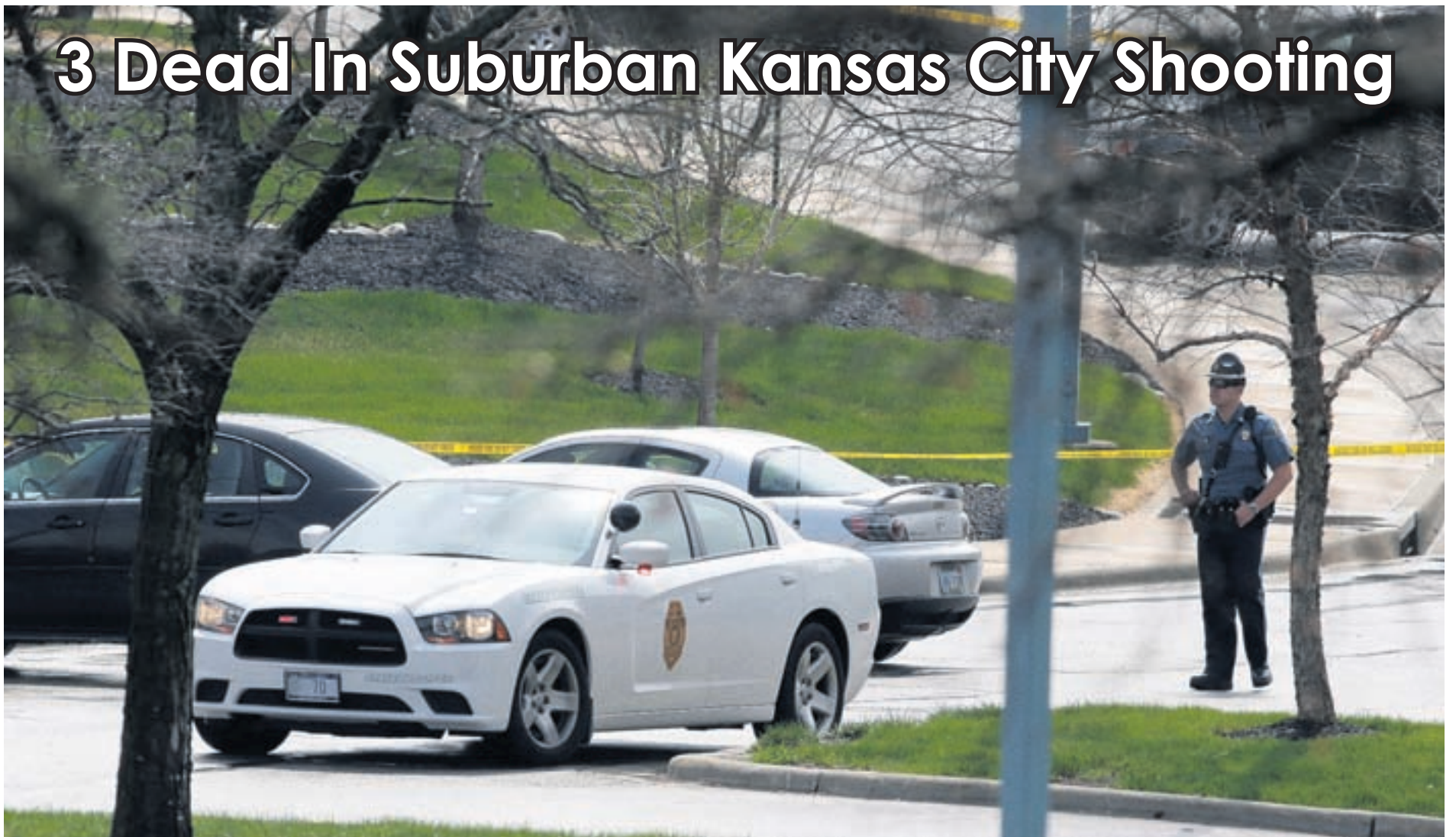
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3 Dead In Suburban Kansas City Shooting



Authorities work behind a police line near the location of a shooting at the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kan., Sunday, April 13, 2014.

(AP Photo/Orlin Wagner)

MARIA SUDEKUM

Associated Press

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas

(AP) — Three people died Sunday after shootings at a Jewish community center campus and retirement community in suburban Kansas City, and a 15-year-old boy is in critical condition.

Overland Park city spokesman Sean Reilly said two people died at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City campus in Overland Park and one was killed at Village Shalom, which is a retirement community that is

several blocks away from the center. A 15-year-old boy who was brought from the scene is in critical condition, Overland Park Medical Center spokeswoman Christine Hamele said.

One person of interest is in custody, Overland Park Fire Department spokesman Jason Rhodes said.

Authorities didn't immediately release further details about the shootings, including whether the center and retirement community were targeted because of religion.

Overland Park police received multiple calls at

about 1 p.m. Sunday, public information officer Gary Mason said in a news release. A news conference was held Sunday evening. The Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City in Overland Park posted on its Facebook page Sunday afternoon that a "shooting incident" happened near its White Theater entrance. A second, later post said that no shooting occurred inside, but in a parking lot.

"Everyone participating in JCC programming has been released to their homes," the center said on

Facebook.

St. Louis resident Kristy Straeb, 47, said her sister-in-law Stacie Ventimiglia was at the center's pool with a friend and four little girls under the age of 7 for a swimming lesson, which ended about 12:45 p.m. Straeb said they decided at the last minute to get the girls showered.

"They had just gotten the four babies naked, and somebody yelled into the family locker room, 'We have an active shooter situation. You need to get safe,'" Straeb said.

The women got into a cub-

by area and were "ready to push the little girls into 4 empty lockers," Straeb said. She noted that the women and their children were not harmed and left the center about 2:45 p.m. Sunday.

There was a heavy police presence at the campus, which spans several acres in an affluent area of Johnson County, Kansas. The entrance to the campus is blocked off. Police have also taped off the entrance to Village Shalom, and several patrol cars and a crime scene unit van are parked in front. □

Obama, Republicans compete for support among women

NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months on the defensive over his health law, a more combative President Barack Obama has emerged to fight about gender politics, leading to an election-year competition with Republicans for support from women.

No single group will be more important to Democrats' fortunes, say White House advisers, than unmarried women, who are likely to favor Democrats — if they vote, and that's far from certain when trust in Washington is low.

The president is trying to convince women that Democrats are more concerned about improving their financial standing in difficult economic times, and he charges Republicans with standing in the way. "Republicans in Congress have been gumming up the works," he said at a White House event on equal pay for women and men.

"This isn't just about treating women fairly. This is about Republicans seemingly opposing any efforts to even the playing field for working families," Obama said. Republicans say they have learned important lessons from previous elections where women helped put Obama and other Democrats in office. This year, the GOP is promising an

aggressive counterattack ahead of the November elections when control of Congress will be at stake. Republicans are expect-

Obama's legislative agenda for the last two years of his term. The Republican National Committee plans a new

the party committees — the RNC and those supporting Republican candidates for Senate, House, governors and state legis-

women at their events and build a Facebook-like internal database of women willing to campaign on their behalf.

Responding to Obama's equal pay event, Republicans cried hypocrisy and pointed out that women on average make less than men on the White House staff. When the Senate voted on an equal pay measure the next day, every Republican voted no and said existing law already protects women from being paid less than men.

The Republican Party committees are circulating figures showing that poverty among women has risen during Obama's time in office, while women's average wages have dropped. They say they are targeting older women, who are more likely to vote Republican than younger women. They say they will continue to press the case that Obama's signature health care reform law has increased costs for some people and affected their health care plans.

"It feels to us like the White House and Democrats are making decisions on legislation and messaging priorities based on the fact that they have to talk about anything but Obamacare to appeal to their depressed base," said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Kirsten Kukowski. □



This April 8, 2014 file photo shows President Barack Obama signing executive actions, with pending Senate legislation, aimed at closing a compensation gender gap that favors men, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, during an event marking Equal Pay Day. After months on the defensive over his health law, a more combative President Barack Obama has emerged to fight about gender politics, leading to an election-year competition with Republicans for the support of female voters.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

ed to retain their majority in the House of Representatives, but hope to gain the six seats they need to take control of the Senate. If they succeed, they could effectively thwart

initiative, "14 in '14," to recruit and train women under age 40 to help spread the party's message in the final 14 weeks of the campaign.

Representatives from all

lators — meet regularly to plan strategy and advise candidates.

They are encouraging candidates to include their wives and daughters in campaign ads, have

Top Democrat: Republican base 'animated by racism'

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An overhaul to the broken U.S. immigration system remains stalled because "the Republican base does have elements that are animated by racism," the head of the committee to elect Democratic lawmakers to the House said Sunday. Rep. Steve Israel's comments are in line with those from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi earlier this week, in which she blamed racial issues for Republicans' failure to act

on comprehensive immigration legislation. Asked about Pelosi's comments, New York's Israel said he agreed with her assessment.

"To a significant extent, the Republican base does have elements that are animated by racism.

And that's unfortunate," said Israel, who heads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Frustration is mounting among the House's Democratic minority and immigration activists about Republicans' refusal to act

on a far-reaching immigration bill passed by the Senate last year with bipartisan support. The Senate bill would provide a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally and tighten border security.

Republicans remain wary of a contentious debate on the divisive issue, which could anger their core voters and undercut potential electoral gains in the November elections when control of Congress will be at stake.

"I think race has something to do with the fact that they're not bringing up an immigration bill," Pelosi told reporters Thursday.

Pelosi was responding to a question about whether race factors into how Republicans deal with members of the Obama administration. She accused Republicans of being generally disrespectful to members of the administration and to women.

Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, who heads the Republican committee to elect House members, said blaming

racism was "both wrong and unfortunate." He said his Republican colleagues have been critical of President Barack Obama and his party on policy grounds, not racial ones.

"You know, there have been a lot of executive overreaches by this administration," said Walden who leads the National Republican Congressional Committee.

"The American people just want to know the truth. ... They want to know answers. And that's all we're trying to do." □

Feds: No evidence of pre-impact fire in bus crash

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JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

RED BLUFF, California (AP)

— Federal investigators said Sunday that they haven't found physical evidence confirming a witness' claim that a FedEx truck was on fire before it slammed into a bus carrying high school students, killing 10 people in Northern California.

National Transportation Safety Board member Mark Rosekind said that investigators are not ruling out a pre-impact fire, but a fire specialist did not find evidence of flames as the truck crossed a median, sideswiped a Nissan Altima and crashed into the bus. "This is all preliminary and factual information," Rosekind said at a news conference. "We are not ruling anything out."

The bus was carrying Southern California high school students to a campus tour of Humboldt State University. Five students, three adult chaperones and both drivers died in Thursday's collision in Orland, a small city about 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Sacramento. Dozens were

injured with cuts and burns. The driver of the Altima, who survived with minor injuries, told investigators and reporters Saturday that she had seen flames emerging from the lower rear of the truck's cab as it approached her car. The bus was gutted and the truck was a mangled mess after an explosion sent flames towering and black smoke billowing, making it difficult for investigators to track the source of the fire.

Rosekind said a blood test of the FedEx truck driver could indicate whether he inhaled smoke before his death. A family member told the Sacramento Bee that the truck driver was Tim Evans, 32, of Elk Grove, California. The biggest questions for investigators include why the truck had left its lane and left no tire marks, suggesting the driver did not brake. The investigation will review maintenance records and the driver's medical history, experience and potential impairment. The bus' black box-style electronic control module was recovered and will be analyzed. The truck's device was



Massive flames engulf a tractor-trailer and a tour bus just after they collided on Interstate 5, Thursday April, 10, 2014, near Orland, Calif. Federal investigators said Sunday that they haven't found physical evidence confirming a witness' claim that a FedEx truck was on fire before it slammed into a bus carrying high school students, killing 10 people in Northern California.

(AP Photo/Jeremy Lockett)

destroyed, but other steps will be taken to analyze its speed and maneuvering.

Beyond the cause of the crash, the NTSB will examine if any of its safety

recommendations would have reduced the death and injury toll. □

'Bully' calls sentence unfair

SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio (AP)

— An Ohio man who spent hours on a street corner Sunday with a sign declaring he's a bully says that the punishment in a disorderly conduct case was unfair and that the judge who sentenced him has ruined his life.

Sixty-two-year-old Edmond Aviv mostly ignored honking horns and people who stopped by to talk with him in South Euclid, the Northeast Ohio Media Group reported.

"The judge destroyed me," Aviv said. "This isn't fair at all."

The sentence stemmed from a neighborhood dispute in which a woman said Aviv had bullied her and her disabled children for years.

Aviv pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge, and Mu-

nicipal Court Judge Gayle Williams-Byers ordered him to display the sign for five hours Sunday as part of his sentence.

The judge selected the wording for it:

"I AM A BULLY! I pick on children that are disabled, and I am intolerant of those that are different from myself. My actions do not reflect an appreciation for the diverse South Euclid community that I live in."


Aviv arrived at the corner with the sign just before 9 a.m. Sunday.

Within a couple of minutes, a passing motorist honked a car horn. Later in the morning, he was sitting in a chair holding the hand-lettered sign in front of him. Dozens of drivers honked their horns and some passers-by yelled at him. Some pedestrians took pictures. □

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Sebelius says Health care online launch was 'terribly flawed'

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration's timeline for having ready the new health care law's online sign-up system "was just flat out wrong," outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in an interview that aired Sunday. The departing health chief also said the two months when the federal health-care.gov website was plagued with technical problems were "a pretty dismal time" and the low point of her five-year tenure. But she defended the

law's impact and said millions of Americans now have access to health care because of it.

"People have competitive choices and real information for the first time ever in this insurance market," said Sebelius, who last week announced her resignation. Republicans demanded that Sebelius resign last October after the flawed launch of the health care reform law which is Obama's signature domestic policy achievement. They have tried to make "Obamacare" the key issue in November's national election when control of



Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius listens as she testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, before the Senate Finance Committee hearing on the HHS Department's fiscal Year 2015 budget. The Obama administration's timeline for having ready the new health care law's online sign-up system "was just flat out wrong," outgoing Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in an interview that aired Sunday.

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Congress will be at stake. Sebelius acknowledged the rocky rollout for the on-line sign-up system fraught with technical problems that left Americans frustrated.

"Clearly, the estimate that it was ready to go Oct. 1 was just flat out wrong," Sebelius said.

HealthCare.gov was envisioned as the principal place for people to buy insurance from private companies — made more affordable by government subsidies — under Obama's health care law. But its first few weeks were an embarrassment for the administration and its allies, resulting in a drop in the polls for Democrats and a revival of Republican prospects in the 2014 election even though the party was blamed for last year's unpopular partial government shutdown. "Well, I think there's no question — and I've said this many times — that the launch of the website was terribly flawed and terribly

difficult," Sebelius said.

Obama set a Dec. 1 deadline to have the website repaired, a move that left Sebelius nervous, she said.

"Having failed once at the front of October, the first of December became a critical juncture," she said. "That was a pretty scary date." Sebelius' resignation comes just a week after sign-ups for insurance coverage on federal and state exchanges ended, enrolling 7.1 million people and exceeding initial expectations. Enrollment has since increased to 7.5 million as people were given extra time to complete applications.

The departing secretary said she decided after the 2012 presidential election that she wanted to leave the administration but decided to stay through the initial sign-up period for the new health care program. Sebelius said Obama did not try to convince her to stay through the end of his term. □

US feds release rancher's cows after protests



The Bundy family and their supporters fly the American flag as their cattle were released by the Bureau of Land Management back onto public land outside of Bunkerville, Nev. on April 12, 2014. (AP Photo/Jason Bean)

MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press

Federal land managers say "escalating tensions" led them to release all 400 or so head of cattle rounded up on public land in southern Nevada from a rancher who has refused to recognize their authority in a dispute that drew hundreds of protesters to his defense. Some of the protesters, including right-wing militia members, were armed with handguns and rifles at corrals outside Mesquite in southern Nevada on Saturday and at an earlier nearby rally to demand the animals' return to rancher Cliven Bundy. The federal Bureau of Land Management issued a brief statement Saturday afternoon saying the cattle were released "due to escalating tensions." The release came only hours after the agency's chief, Neil Kornze, announced an abrupt halt to the weeklong roundup because of safety concerns. "Based on information about conditions on the ground and in consultation with law enforcement, we have made a decision to conclude the cattle gather because of our serious concerns about the safety of employees and members of the public," Kornze said in a statement.

Las Vegas Police Lt. Dan Zehnder said the showdown was resolved with no injuries and no violence. Clark County Sheriff Doug Gillespie was able to negotiate a resolution after talking with Bundy, he said. Nevada, where federal agencies manage or control more than 80 percent of the land, has been a focal point in the battle over state and federal land rights. The fight has raged since the 1980s when the "Sagebrush Rebellion" challenged federal ownership of Nevada rangeland ranchers said was rightfully theirs. The dispute that ultimately triggered Saturday's confrontation dates to 1993, when the bureau cited concern for the federally protected tortoise in the region. The bureau revoked Bundy's grazing rights after he stopped paying grazing fees and disregarded federal court orders to remove his animals. Kornze's announcement came after Bundy repeatedly promised to "do whatever it takes" to protect his property and after a string of raucous confrontations between his family members and supporters and federal agents during the weeklong operation. Bundy did not immediately respond to requests for

comment. Republican Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval issued a statement praising the agency for its willingness to listen to the state's concerns. He earlier criticized the agency for creating "an atmosphere of intimidation" and trying to confine protesters to a fenced-in "First Amendment area" well away from the sprawling roundup area. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees such basic rights as freedom of speech and assembly. "The safety of all individuals involved in this matter has been my highest priority," Sandoval said. "Given the circumstances, today's outcome is the best we could have hoped for." □

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Wealthy doctor linked to senator back in spotlight

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Associated Press**

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida

(AP) — A wealthy Florida doctor from the Dominican Republic whose offices were raided by the FBI and who allowed a U.S. senator to use his private jet is again under scrutiny for receiving more money from the taxpayer-funded Medicare program than any other doctor in the U.S. A massive data dump from federal health officials this week showed South Florida ophthalmologist Dr. Salomon Melgen received nearly \$21 million in 2012 from the government's Medicare program which provides health care coverage for the elderly. Melgen has not been criminally charged or accused of wrongdoing.

Melgen's attorney, Kirk Ogrosky, said the doc-

tor's billing conformed with Medicare rules and is a reflection of high drug costs, noting he has four offices and treats hundreds of patients every week.

"Dr. Melgen stands by his record of improving the vision and quality of life of patients from around the world," Ogrosky said in a statement.

In photos with political luminaries, Melgen seemed to relish the attention cast on him as a revered and reliable donor. But he appears to be shying away from the spotlight since the scandal broke with Democratic Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, who repaid the doctor more than \$70,000 for the flights to the Dominican Republic.

Below is a look at Melgen's public life in recent years:

LOVING THE LIMELIGHT
Melgen is a Dominican Re-



This photo shows Dr. Salomon Melgen, posing for a photo at the book signing of "Growing American Roots", a book by Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., at the college in Miami. Topping Medicare's list of highest paid physicians from its claims database was Dr. Melgen, whose relationship with Sen. Menendez made headlines last year after news broke that the lawmaker used the doctor's personal jet for trips to the Dominican Republic. Medicare paid Melgen \$20.8 million.

(AP Photo/Phil Roche)

public native who came to the U.S. and built a reputation as a top ophthalmologist. After operating on former Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, a Democrat, in 1997, he became a reliable donor to Democratic power brokers and a frequent host of fundraisers, both at his massive North Palm Beach home and his house in an exclusive resort community in the Dominican Republic. "He loved the limelight, he loved it," Patricia Goodman, his office manager and personal assistant throughout the 1990s, told The Associated Press last year. "He loved being with the politicians."

He can be seen smiling in photos, sandwiched between Menendez and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and his name is a frequent entry in campaign finance logs.

In 2012 alone, Melgen's company, Vitreo-Retinal Consultants, gave \$700,000 to Majority PAC, a super political action committee set up by former staffers for Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada to aid the party's Senate candidates nationwide, according to a search of records with the Center for Responsive Poli-

tics.

Separately, Melgen, his wife Flor and daughter Melissa gave more than \$350,000 in individual contributions between 1998 and 2012 to a variety of candidates and committees.

All of that came to a halt last year.

LINKS TO MENENDEZ

Melgen first made headlines in early 2013 after revelations that Menendez had used the doctor's personal jet. Menendez was forced to repeatedly deny reports that he flew on Melgen's plane for trysts with prostitutes. None of the allegations were substantiated. But Menendez's relationship with Melgen prompted Senate Ethics Committee and Justice Department investigations.

Menendez has acknowledged at least three areas where his official work appeared to serve the interests of Melgen, though he has steadfastly denied wrongdoing.

A staffer in Menendez's office once sent emails to the Homeland Security Department questioning potential U.S. donations of cargo-screening equipment to the Dominican government. At the time, donat-

ed screening equipment could have jeopardized a lucrative port security contract for a company owned by Melgen.

Menendez sponsored legislation with incentives for natural gas vehicle conversions that could have benefited a company that Melgen was invested in called Gaseous Fuel Systems Corp. of Weston, Florida. And Menendez acknowledged his office twice contacted the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, each time urging them to change what he called an unfair payment policy that had cost his friend Melgen \$8.9 million.

KEEPING A LOW PROFILE

Melgen hasn't made a splash at any recent, large-scale political events in South Florida and has seemingly ended his public appearances in the Dominican Republic. Reporters who routinely cover social events in the Caribbean country say they have not seen him at any activities in the past year. Before that, Melgen was known for regularly granting interviews to Dominican media in Florida, especially to talk about some of his successful operations. □



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US Financial Front:

Finance ministers say economy stronger but fragile

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's top financial officials say they believe the global economy is strengthening but that growth remains fragile and open to risks of new geopolitical strife, as in Ukraine.

Rich countries have been helping power the recovery led by the United States and Britain, and the euro-zone and Japan are doing better. However, there has been some slowing in major emerging markets such as China even though these economies have been powering along at growth rates ahead of developed nations. Many countries still are experiencing painfully high unemployment rates with millions looking for work.

The conclusion of discussions this weekend at the International Monetary Fund and its sister institution the World Bank ended three days of talks that began with meetings by finance ministers of the Group of 20 nations, the mix of traditional economic powers such as the United States, Japan and Germany and emerging economies such as Brazil, India and China. "Creating a more dynamic, sustainable and job-rich global economy remains our paramount collective goal," the policy-setting panel of the 188-nation IMF said in a closing communique.

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde and the finance ministers who sit on this panel said they believed the world had entered a new phase with stronger growth that will begin to make inroads on unemployment.

Referring to the years 2008 through 2010 as an economic disaster, Lagarde said at a closing news conference that now "we are moving into a strengthening phase."

The latest IMF economic forecast has the world economy growing 3.6 percent this year and 3.9 percent in 2015.

The finance ministers acknowledged a number of threats to their forecast, ranging from periodic stock market jitters as investors worry the U.S. Federal Reserve may mishandle its efforts to gradually end the bond buying it has used to lower long-term interest rates to concerns that the political standoff over Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula could undermine market confidence.

On Ukraine, the finance ministers endorsed the IMF package of \$14 billion to \$18 billion in loans to help the country avoid a financial meltdown. The French and other European finance ministers urged a go-slow approach to imposing additional economic sanctions on Russia.

The United States had hoped for stronger efforts to discourage Russia from more action in Ukraine. But European nations, with closer economic ties with Russia, said diplomacy should be given more time to work.

The United States came in for some criticism with officials saying in their statement they were "deeply disappointed" with the continued delay in gaining congressional approval of legislation to provide expanded loan capacity to the IMF to help countries in difficulty. □



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde, accompanied by IMFC Chair and Singapore Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, speaks during a news conference at World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Spring Meetings in Washington. (AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

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Political tensions test Silicon Valley's Russian ties

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AP National Writer

SAN MATEO, California (AP)

— Entrepreneurs and investors say Silicon Valley's fast-growing financial ties with Russia's tech sector are being slowed down by current political tensions between the White House and the Kremlin.

"It's safe to say a lot of investors here are taking a step back to see how the situation will unfold," said Alexandra Johnson, who manages a \$100 million venture fund called DFJ VTP Aurora, a Menlo Park, California, branch of Russian bank VTB.

For decades, Russia's sophisticated scientists and engineers remained at arm's length from Silicon Valley's venture capitalists and marketing mavens. That has changed in recent years with a flurry of investment, largely sparked in 2010 when then-Russian President Dmitry Medvedev visited the region and met with high-tech leaders.

Russians investors, including billionaire Yuri Milner, who has large stakes in Facebook and Twitter, poured an estimated \$2 billion into U.S. tech firms over the past three years, according to Johnson, who organized a technology symposium with venture capitalists and entrepreneurs last month in San Mateo, south of San Francisco.

But Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and investors fear negative economic fallout from Russia's takeover of Crimea, its troop buildup near Ukraine's border and its attempts to compel constitutional changes in that country, markedly raising political tensions with the West.

Secretary of State John Kerry has charged Russia with "creating a climate of fear and intimidation" and the Obama administration has frozen assets and revoked visas of some Russian officials and their associates.

Among the concerns in this technology center are



Dmitry Akhanov, president of the U.S. subsidiary of Russia's state-owned venture fund RUSNANO, works in his office on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in Menlo Park, Calif. Entrepreneurs and investors say Silicon Valley's fast growing ties with Russia's tech sector are being slowed down by current political tensions between the White House and the Kremlin.

whether visa limits will make it hard for business travel or for scientists to relocate. In addition, economic sanctions could tighten the flow of dollars between tech sectors in both coun-

tries. And for those U.S. and Russian firms with ties to Ukraine, rumors of a draft are fanning fears that young entrepreneurs and engineers will have to close up shop and fight.

Experts say an investment slowdown will be temporary and will not untrack rapidly growing, lucrative U.S.-Russia business relationships in the long run.

Axel Tillmann, who invests Russian venture capital on behalf of government-sponsored RVC-USA, said the tensions are definitely going to "slow things down for a while," describing a two- to three-month suspension of additional investment by Russian government funds in tech firms. "Russian technologists have been at the leading forefront of technology for many years, even going back to the Soviet Union, but they had the problem they called 'The lonely ideas,'" he said. "The ideas just sat there."

Tillmann said the one thing Russian companies are not very good at today is commercializing their technology — something that Silicon Valley firms are masters at doing. "When we combine, we get the best of both," he said.

In Russia, entrepreneurs and investors now tap Silicon Valley experts to try to replicate their success.

A planned technology hub outside Moscow, the Skolkovo Innovation Center, includes Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt, Cisco CEO John Chambers and retired Intel CEO Craig Barrett on its 17-member board.

Russian entrepreneurs have also launched their own firms in the Silicon Valley, and tech giants are buying stakes in Russian startups. Last year, for example, Cisco acquired a stake in Russian software developer Parallels and got a seat on its board. □



Oleg Slepov, head of the San Francisco trade representation office for the Russian Federation, poses for a portrait in his office on Thursday, April 10, 2014 in San Francisco.

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New US Navy destroyer Zumwalt christened in Maine

ALANNA DURKIN
Associated Press

BATH, Maine (AP) — The U.S. Navy on Saturday christened the first ship of its newest class of destroyers, a more than \$3 billion, 610-foot (186-meter)-long warship sporting advanced technology and a stealthy shape designed to minimize its visibility on enemy radar and reduce the size of its crew.

Named after the late Adm. Elmo "Bud" Zumwalt, the newest destroyer's massive size and angular profile make it stand apart from other U.S. warships. And like its namesake, a reformer who spearheaded changes that helped shape the Navy by offering new opportunities to women and minorities, the Zumwalt will shepherd the fleet into a new era, officials said.

"This ship is a modern marvel, and it's going to take smart and creative and hardworking sailors like Bud Zumwalt to operate it," Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus told the crowd of thousands at Bath Iron Works, where the ship has

been under construction since 2009.

Mousetta Zumwalt-Weathers and Ann Zumwalt, the former admiral's daughters, each christened the

were joined at the ceremony by Zumwalt's son, retired Marine Lt. Col. Jim Zumwalt, who recalled 55 years ago, as a young boy, attending the christening

1970, promoted the first female and African-American officers to admirals and opened the door for women to become naval aviators and serve on war-

minorities and women," his daughter Ann said. "A Navy that not only fought wars but also fought discrimination in its ranks. He dreamt of a Navy that allowed its sailors a better quality of life."

Among the 15,000-ton warship's cutting-edge features are a composite deckhouse with hidden radar and sensors and an angular shape that officials say will allow it to be confused for a small fishing boat on radars. It also has a wave-piercing hull designed to reduce the ship's wake. It's the first U.S. ship to use electric propulsion and produces enough power to one day support the futuristic electromagnetic rail gun, which will be tested at sea in 2016.

Inside, sailors will have more space to work and live because the Zumwalt will only require about half the crew of the current generation of destroyers. Meanwhile, fewer sailors will need to stand watch because of cameras and video monitors that show what's going on outside. □



Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus, speaks in front of Zumwalt DDG 1000 the first Zumwalt Class Multi-Mission Destroyer before its christening ceremony Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. The ship is named after Admiral Elmo "Bud" R. Zumwalt Jr., who served as Chief of Naval Operations from 1970-1974.

(AP Photo/Joel Page)

ship by smashing a bottle of champagne near its bow, followed by cheers and bursts of red, white and blue streamers. They

of the USS Dewey, which his father commanded. Bud Zumwalt, who became the youngest chief of naval operations in

ships. "He strove for a Navy that was supportive, encouraging and compassionate toward all sailors, especially

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Ukraine to deploy troops in anti-terror operation

PETER LEONARD

Associated Press

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine is deploying troops in a "large-scale anti-terrorist operation" to resist attacks by armed pro-Russian forces, Ukraine's President Oleksandr Turchynov said on Sunday in a televised address.

The previous president, who fled to Russia after being ousted earlier this year, accused the CIA of being behind the decision.

Turchynov said the Ukrainian Security Council decided to use the army because "we're not going to allow Russia to repeat the Crimean scenario in Ukraine's east." He pledged amnesty to anyone who lays down arms by Monday morning.

Speaking hours later on Russian state television, Viktor Yanukovich claimed that CIA director John Brennan had met with Ukraine's new leadership and "in fact sanctioned the use of weapons and provoked bloodshed."

There was no independent confirmation that Brennan was in Ukraine or in any way involved in the decision to send troops to the eastern part of the country, where armed pro-Russian men have seized a number of government buildings. CIA officials in Washington did not immediately respond to requests for comment from the AP.

Yanukovich was ousted in February following months of protests in Kiev, the capital, that were ignited by his decision to back away from closer relations with the European Union and turn toward Russia. He fled to Russia, saying he feared for his life.

Ukraine now has "one foot into a civil war," Ya-

nukovich said Sunday. He was flanked by his former prosecutor general and interior minister, the two associates most despised by the Kiev protesters.

Ukrainian special forces exchanged gunfire with a pro-Russia militia outside an eastern city on Sunday morning, with one security

officer killed and five others wounded. It was the first reported gunbattle in eastern Ukraine, where armed pro-Russian men have seized a number of government buildings in recent days.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov has described such attacks as "Russian aggression."

He said in a Facebook post Sunday that special forces of up to 12,000 people will be drawn from volunteers who will be tasked with resisting attacks from pro-Russian forces in their local areas.

Russia's Foreign Ministry was quick to dismiss Turchynov's decree as "criminal" and

accused Ukrainian officials of using radical neo-Nazi forces.

The former Ukrainian interior minister, Vitaliy Zakharchenko, warned of "provocations" in the coming days to "discredit Russian armed forces."

Russia has tens of thousands of troops deployed along

Pro-Russian demonstrators have demanded a referendum on autonomy and possible annexation by Russia, following the pattern set by the vote in Crimea last month.

In Sunday's gunbattle, Turchynov said a Security Service captain was killed and two colonels wounded



Pro-Russia supporters beat a pro-Western activist who lies on the stairs during a pro Russian rally in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Sunday, April 13, 2014. Two rival rallies in Kharkiv turned violent after a group of pro-Russian protesters followed several pro-Ukrainian activists, beating them with baseball bats and sticks.

(AP Photo/ Olga Ivashchenko)

its border with Ukraine, which has raised fears of a military incursion, especially after the takeover of the Crimean Peninsula. The Russian government has denied any plans to intervene militarily in eastern Ukraine.

Unrest has spread to several municipalities in eastern Ukraine, including the major industrial city of Donetsk, which has a large Russian-speaking population and was the support base for Yanukovich. Ethnic Russians in Ukraine's east widely fear that the new pro-Western Ukrainian government will suppress them.

outside Slovyansk, where the police station and the Security Service office were seized a day earlier.

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Israeli coalition showing signs of new tension

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's chief peace negotiator on Sunday accused a hard-line faction of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's increasingly unwieldy coalition government of undermining her efforts, while Jewish settlers moved into a sensitive West Bank building that has been a flash-point of violence in the past.

The sniping inside Netanyahu's coalition was the latest sign of infighting that has hampered U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's peace efforts. While committed to conducting peace talks, Netanyahu's coalition is dominated by hard-liners who oppose making significant concessions or reject the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Netanyahu's chief negotiator, Tzipi Livni, said in an interview that she was optimistic the sides would get through a crisis that has left the talks on the brink of collapse. "I believe we are close enough that decisions on both sides will be made, with American encouragement, to continue the talks," Livni told the Ynet website.

She also accused the hard-line "Jewish Home," a pro-settler party, of trying to thwart her efforts. She took special aim at the party's leader, Naftali Bennett, and Housing Minister Uri Ariel, a strong supporter of Jewish settlements.

"There are people in the government who don't want peace," Livni said. "Bennett and Uri Ariel represent those who want to prevent a peace process." □



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Partial Afghan election results show runoff likely



Staff and customers at the Herat Restaurant watch a live broadcast of an International Election Commission's announcement of preliminary presidential election voting results in Kabul, Afghanistan, April 13, 2014. Afghanistan presidential election candidates Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani appear to be leading in a race where a runoff was increasingly certain, according to data released by the Independent Election Commission on Sunday.

(Bryan Denton/The New York Times)

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KABUL, Afghanistan - In the first official report of partial results from the Af-

ghan presidential election, the candidates Abdullah Abdullah and Ashraf Ghani appeared to be leading a race in which a runoff election was increasingly certain, according to data released by the Independent Election Commission on Sunday.

The commission warned that these early results, accounting for 10 percent of the votes cast in 26 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, could change as tabulating continues during the coming weeks. The votes will be fully counted by April 24, and a runoff election would be held no sooner than May 28, officials have said.

The results could be affected, possibly significantly, by widespread fraud at the polls. The election complaints commission said Sunday that it had received so many serious fraud complaints that it might have to extend the time needed to adjudicate them. The commission said 870 incidents of fraud had been classified as serious enough to affect the outcome of the April 5 election, more than the 815 recorded in 2009. The early results prompted an outcry from the six candidates who did not rank among the top two. After meeting privately to discuss the figures, they issued a joint statement rejecting the partial results as pre-

mature and described the election commission's decision to release them as an "unforgivable crime." Later, the campaign of Zalmay Rassoul, a former foreign minister who was believed to have the quiet support of President Hamid Karzai, issued a separate, and far milder, statement calling on the commission to "transparently distinguish valid votes from fraudulent ballots and not compromise the actual votes of the Afghan people." The commission, which had earlier said complaints were fewer than in the hotly disputed 2009 election, apparently reversed that view Sunday. However, a spokesman for the commission, Nader Mohseni, said the commission did not have records from the 2009 vote and could not be sure of any comparisons made between the two elections. With about half a million votes counted, Abdullah was leading with 212,312 votes, or 41.9 percent of the total, followed by Ghani, with 190,561, or 37.6 percent. □

Interim Libyan PM to step down

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Associated Press
TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya's government said Sunday that the interim prime minister had declined a parliamentary mandate to form a new government and will instead step down, in a move likely to compound the difficulties facing a government already divided and facing widespread unrest and militia violence.

Interim Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thani announced on the interim government's website that he was leaving his post, but would stay on as head of the Cabinet until a replacement could be found. He is the second Libyan prime minister to leave his post in as many months, underlining the North African

nation's instability three years after the ouster and killing of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

He said that he had made his decision "to protect the interests of the country and so as not to drag different sides into fighting when there can be no winner." He said his decision also was related to an armed attack against him and his family Saturday night in a residential neighborhood that, according to him, put the lives of its residents at risk.

He did not want to be the cause of any fighting or bloodshed because of his position, he explained. Officials at Libya's nascent security forces could not be immediately reached to comment on al-Thani's claim. □

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Chile fire toll: 11 dead, 1,000 homes destroyed

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VALPARAISO, Chile (AP) —

A raging fire leaped from hilltop to hilltop in this colorful port city throughout the night and day on Sunday, killing at least 11 people and destroying at least 1,000 homes. More than 10,000 people were evacuated, including more than 200 female inmates at a prison.

And with hot dry winds stoking the embers, the fires were still burning out of control as a second night approached.

The blaze began Saturday afternoon in a forested area above ramshackle housing on one of the city's 42 hilltops, and spread quickly as hot ash rained down over wooden houses and narrow streets. Electricity failed as the fire grew, with towering, sparking flames turning the night sky orange over a darkening, destroyed horizon.

Eventually, neighborhoods on six hilltops were reduced to ashes, including one hill just several blocks from

Chile's parliament building. And flames broke out again on at least two of those hills, burning out of control and threatening to consume other neighborhoods.

"It's a tremendous tragedy. This could be the worst fire in the city's history," President Michelle Bachelet said as firefighters contained most of the blazes, mobilizing 20 helicopters and planes to drop water on hotspots Sunday.

The fire has destroyed 1,000 houses so far and authorities warned that the toll of death and damage could rise once authorities can enter the smoldering remains. Military Police Gen. Julio Pineda said 11 people were killed. Earlier Sunday, he said 16 died, but it turned out one family had been counted twice. More than 500 people were treated at hospitals, mostly for smoke inhalation.

Patricio Bustos, who directs the national forensics service, said DNA tests would be needed to identify some of the remains.

It was already the worst fire to hit the picturesque sea-

side city of 250,000 people since 1953, when 50 people were killed and every structure was destroyed on several of the city's hills.

While the fires were con-

catastrophe zone, putting Chile's military in charge of maintaining order.

"The people of Valparaíso have courage, have strength and they aren't

Shelters were overflowing. Bachelet toured some and announced that on Monday she would meet with each of her ministers to hear what each one is do-



A man cries next to the remains of his house after a forest fire destroyed it in Valparaíso, Sunday, April 13, 2014. A raging fire leaped from hilltop to hilltop in this port city, killing at least 11 people and destroying more than 500 homes. More than 10,000 people were evacuated.

(AP Photo/Luis Hidalgo)

tained to the hills, Bachelet declared the entire city a

alone," Bachelet said.

Valparaíso, which was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2003, is known for colorful neighborhoods hugging hills so steep that people have to use staircases rather than streets. About 75 miles (120 kilometers) northwest of the capital, Santiago, it has a vibrant port and is home to Chile's national legislature. But many homes in densely populated poorer areas above the city center have been built without water supplies or access points wide enough for fire trucks, so much of the fight was from the air.

"This is the worst catastrophe I've seen," said Ricardo Bravo, the regional governor. "Now we have to make sure the fire doesn't reach the city center, which would make this emergency much more serious."

While 1,250 firefighters, police and forest rangers battled the blaze, 2,000 Chilean sailors in combat gear patrolled streets to maintain order and prevent looting.

ing in response.

"The situation is dramatic, but help is already arriving," she said.

Maria Elizabeth Diaz, eight months pregnant and trying to rest with her two sons in a shelter set up in Valparaíso's Greek School, said she had been hesitant to flee her home in Cerro Las Canas when she first learned that the hilltop above her was on fire.

"I didn't want to move because I was afraid they'd rob me, but I had to flee when I saw the fire was coming down the hill," she said. "I lost everything. Now I've been ordered to rest because I was having contractions. My little one knows that he can't arrive quite yet."

Another evacuee, Erica Gonzalez, 74, said her daughter and some neighbors had to carry her to safety because the fire burned her wheelchair.

"I was left in the street. My house was completely burned, and that of my daughter a block away," she said, visibly upset as she hugged a grandchild. □

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a market place at Renaissance Convention Center, offering all 40 participating tour operators from 11

European countries the opportunity to meet with Aruba's larger hotels and local destination management companies.

In the evening the group enjoyed a drive on the Kukoo Kunuku party bus, followed by a nightly tram tour through the recently renovated downtown area in Oranjestad, including the capital's brand new main shopping street and museum district. The tram system was introduced in 2013 in Aruba as a unique way of transportation from the cruise terminal area to downtown. Locals and visitors have free access to the tram and can hop-on and hop-off at various stops.

The tour of Aruba's upgraded downtown area ended at the historic Fort Zoutman (dated 1798) for a farewell dinner and reception. Tirso Tromp, director of the Aruba Tourism Authority in Europe looked back at a successful 23rd edition of AME.

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You can help Santa and the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary!

BRINGAMOS! - We would like to introduce Santa to you, one of the donkeys that has found a home at the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary. It took us a long while before we could capture this beautiful animal: our volunteers tried to catch him 80 times in 2.5 years' time. No such luck. And there was a reason to catch Santa, as he had been in an accident and was limping along on a broken front leg. Finally the volunteers were able to lure him into a garden and take him to the Donkey Sanctuary. The future will tell whether the vet will be able to do something about his leg, as the fracture has more or less healed already, of course. But Santa is in little or no pain and is having the time of his life among his donkey colleagues and friends. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends



with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary. The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt and your name and photo will be posted on our website. So please call the sanctuary at 593-2933; you can also register via the website www.arubandonkey.org or donate money on bank account number 40.03.025 at the Aruba Bank! Just do it! Would you like to follow the donkeys on Facebook: surf to Donkey Sanctuary Aruba please. □

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EAGLE BEACH - Recently a huge sea turtle made her nest in front of Manchebo Beach Hotel. It is the first nest of the season. Normally sea turtles nest at night. They are scared by artificial lights, so we have to leave them in the dark and no flash photography is allowed. More than 100 people witnessed the complete nesting process (about two hours). Turtugaruba (the local foundation that protects the sea turtles) informed the onlookers and placed barriers around the nest after the turtle had returned into the sea. The incubation of the

eggs will take 60 – 70 days, so this first nest will probably hatch at the end of May. The Leatherback Sea Turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) do not live in the Caribbean, but in the Northern part of the Atlantic Ocean. A female returns every 2-to-5 years to lay her eggs on the same beach where she herself was born. This female was nesting on Aruba before, in 2009 and 2011. The two beautiful pictures of this Leatherback Sea Turtle were made by Armando Goedgedrag. Info: www.facebook.com/Turtugaruba of Turtle Hotline 592-9393. □

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oe/Amiga pa bida Award' (translated 'friend for life') – Jasmina Meulens (KUONI), Mark Boekhoudt (Maduro Travel/ITG), Tony Plummer (Tropical Sky), Wim David (Silverjet Belgium) and Rob Oostendorp (TUI Netherlands). In addition prizes were handed to social media users using hashtag #ame2014. The winner of the best picture, Harry Rowe of Black Tomato from the UK, received an original painting of local artist Elvis Tromp as a first

prize. Fred van Eijk (Travel Counsellors Netherlands & Belgium) won the prize for most tweets and Facebook posts during AME 2014. The evening at Fort Zoutman concluded with a delicious dinner buffet catered by the Renaissance Aruba Resort and a carnival extravaganza, complete with tropical dancers and a brass band. On Saturday morning April 12 the official AME program ends with a breakfast at Arikok National Park. □

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morning, served at night is the true Bugaloe way, maybe this explains its popularity from the start. Crazy Fish Monday is served from 5.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is open daily from 9 a.m. till midnight. Start your day of right with a delicious cappuccino, or walk in to enjoy a casual lunch in between sunbathing. A few nights a week Bugaloe is host to some of the best live bands of Aruba, while you are savoring dinner and enjoying the beautiful Aruba Sunset! Don't forget to make one hour in the day even happier at Bugaloe's daily Happy Hour from 5 till 6 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, just follow your hips to the music and the fun and smiles saluting you!



Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines celebrates his unanimous decision victory over Timothy Bradley just after their WBO World Welterweight championship boxing match, Saturday, April 12, 2014, at The MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

Pacquiao back on top after Bradley win

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) -- The old Manny Pacquiao returned for thrilling bursts, hounding Timothy Bradley onto the ropes and battering the welterweight champion with whip-quick combinations that recalled the Pac-man's magical prime.

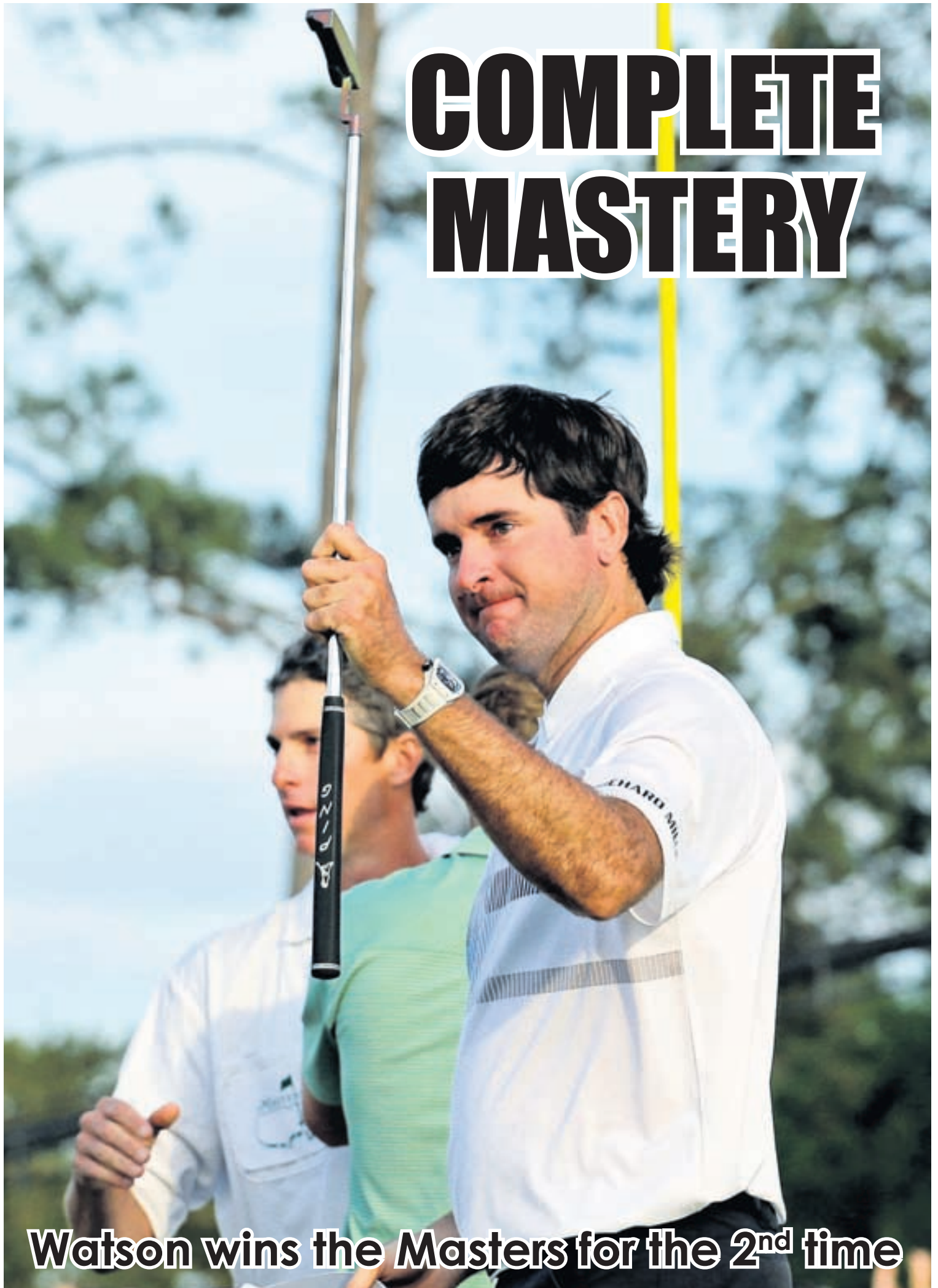
The older Pacquiao couldn't finish the trick, however.

Although he tried mightily, Pacquiao didn't stop or even really hurt Bradley during 12 mostly exciting rounds Saturday night, settling for the lucrative revenge of a unanimous-decision victory.

"I didn't want to get careless," Pacquiao said.

Pacquiao (56-5-2) proved he is still one of the world's most exciting boxers with his second straight win, even if he might never recapture his most destructive form.

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COMPLETE MASTERY

Watson wins the Masters for the 2nd time

Bubba Watson raises his putter after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Augusta, Ga.

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Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, celebrates his unanimous decision over Timothy Bradley in their WBO welterweight title boxing fight Saturday, April 12, 2014, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

Pacquiao

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His hands and footwork are still inimitable, but the eight-division world champion's power and timing weren't good enough to stop Bradley - or any of his opponents since late 2009, the date of his last knockout.

Pacquiao apologetically showed up to his post-fight news conference well after midnight at the MGM Grand Garden, a large bandage concealing 32 stitches in a deep gash on his left eyebrow from a head-butt. Trainer Freddie Roach had filled the time by praising his fighter while simultaneously acknowledging Pacquiao's days of highlight-reel knockouts have faded.

"I think he was doing his

best to stop him," Roach said. "He was throwing combinations. I told him, 'All you have to do is out-box this guy. You can out-box him in and out, all night long.' ... I thought he had the killer instinct. When he had (Bradley) on the ropes, he opened up pretty well. It just didn't seem like he had the power he usually has. It was a little bit slower than he seemed in the past. I don't know why, because in the dressing room, he was on fire."

Bradley, still classy after his first career defeat, gave a mixed review of Pacquiao's physical skills in comparison to their first fight.

"He still has the real sharp snap on his punches," Bradley said. "(But) I believe in the first fight, his punching power was way harder. I was able to take it. He went for the knockout, he definitely did."

Pacquiao still beat up one of the world's best boxers with relative ease, and his next bout in the fall will be among the biggest happenings in sports. His mostly likely opponent is a fifth meeting with Juan Manuel Marquez, who fights Mike Alvarado on May 17.

But Pacquiao and promoter Bob Arum still hold out hope of a fight with Floyd Mayweather Jr., even while the distance between the two fighters appears to grow, both inside the ring and out.

"It's really hard to talk about that," Pacquiao said. "It's been how many years we're talking about that? How many years, days, months we're talking about that? The line is open 24 hours. If he's awake and he wants to fight, the fight will be."

Arum became nearly apoplectic when asked about the possibility of a Pacquiao-Mayweather bout, claiming Pacquiao has already agreed to all of the unbeaten Mayweather's previously stated conditions.

"The only people that can make Floyd Mayweather fight Manny is the public," Arum said before urging fans to boycott Mayweather's bout against Marcos Maidana on May 3.

While Pacquiao reaffirmed his pound-for-pound star-

dom, Bradley raised his profile again despite his first career defeat.

It's tough to remember Bradley was considered a boring fighter just four fights ago. Although he's not an HBO pay-per-view star, he'll likely have his choice of intriguing opponents for his next bout - maybe Brandon Rios, or a rematch with Provodnikov.

Bradley's decision to load up and wait for a knockout blow against Pacquiao was roundly debated by fans, but Bradley's ring charisma and heart should raise his stature.

"That was the only way I was going to win the fight," Bradley said. "I knew the rounds were going to be close. Pacquiao knows how to land punches. I was shooting for the knockout, too."

Across the Philippines, large numbers of Filipinos, including army soldiers, jumped in joy, threw punches in the air and applauded after watching Pacquiao beat Bradley on giant screens in public gymnasiums and town plazas, emptying usually traffic-choked streets.

"Everybody is celebrating here," said Ricardo Salazar, a jobless polio victim on a wheelchair who watched the bout at a gymnasium in Manila's Tondo slum district. "I had no doubt he will win and even if he lost, it wouldn't matter because he'll always be my idol."

Presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma Jr. said Pacquiao's victory reflected the Philippines' struggle to bounce back after a series of natural disasters last year, including a monster typhoon that killed more than 6,000 people.

"When he comes home, he will feel the tight embrace of nearly 100 million Filipinos who idolize and love him," Coloma said. □

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Pacers hold on to top spot in East by beating OKC

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — David West scored 21 points and Lance Stephenson had his league-best fifth triple-double of the season, leading Indiana past Oklahoma City 102-97 Sunday — putting the Pacers one win away from clinching the Eastern Conference's top seed. The Pacers (55-26) lead two-time defending champion Miami by a half game with one to play and hold the tiebreaker based on conference record.

Kevin Durant finished with 38 points for Oklahoma City (58-22) on a day it could have locked up the second seed in the West.

Oklahoma City rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, tying the score at 89 with 2:46 to go. But Paul George hit a 3 and Stephenson made one with 34.2 seconds to go to make

it 97-91.

RAPTORS 116, PISTONS 107
AUBURN HILLS, Michigan (AP) — DeMar DeRozan scored 14 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, and Toronto tied a franchise record for victories with a win over Detroit.

The Raptors (47-33) had already clinched the Atlantic Division, and the victory over Detroit was their 10th in 14 games. Toronto has reached the 47-win mark for the third time. The Raptors went 47-35 in 2001 and 2007.

Kyle Lowry scored 28 points for Toronto before fouling out with 5:51 remaining.

Andre Drummond had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons in the final home game of their dismal season. Detroit's Josh Smith missed a fourth straight game with tendinitis in his left knee. □



Indiana Pacers guard Lance Stephenson, left, shoots under Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, Sunday, April 13, 2014. The Pacers defeated the Thunder 102-97.

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Bubba Watson wins another green jacket at Augusta

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AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Bubba Watson's second Masters title was nothing like the green jacket he won two years ago.

The only daring shot Watson hit was one he really didn't need. The wild swing in momentum came on the front nine, not the back nine of Augusta National. And the sweetest difference of all Sunday was seeing his 2-year-old son walk toward him on the edge of the 18th green after his three-shot victory over Jordan Spieth.

Watson turned in another masterpiece and joined an elusive group as the 17th player to win the Masters more than once.

He turned a two-shot deficit into a two-shot lead on the final two holes of the front nine, then kept Spieth, 20, and everyone else at safe distance the rest of the way. Watson closed with a 3-under 69 to beat a pair of Masters rookies in Spieth and Jonas Blixt of Sweden.

Two years ago, when he hit that wild hook out of the trees on the 10th hole to win in a playoff, his wife and newly adopted son were watching at home in Florida. This time, young Caleb was decked out in a green-and-white striped Masters shirt and green tennis shoes as he wad-



Bubba Watson waves after being presented with his green jacket after winning the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Augusta, Ga.

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dled over to his father.

"This one's a lot different," Watson said. "The first one, for me, it was almost like I lucked into it."

After high-fiving the crowd on his way to sign his card, Watson returned to Butler Cabin to take back that green jacket he slipped on Adam Scott a year ago.

"After giving it away last year, I wanted it back," Watson said. "I told Adam we could just swap it back and forth every year."

Spieth, trying to become the youngest Masters champion, could only watch from the side of the green.

He dazzled the massive crowd early by holing out for birdie from the front bunker on No. 4, and making back-to-back birdies to build a two-shot lead through seven holes. Bidding to become the first player in 35 years to win a green jacket in his first try, Spieth looked to be well on his way.

But he three-putted for bogey on No. 8 — the first 6 on his card all week — as Watson got up-and-down for birdie to tie for the lead. Spieth then made a rookie mistake, leaving his approach below the flagstick on No. 9 and watching it

roll back into the fairway, setting up another bogey and two-shot swing.

Whatever prayer he had might have ended at Amen Corner.

His tee shot on No. 12 found Rae's Creek. He missed a short birdie attempt on the 13th.

Watson was too powerful, too experienced, too tough to beat. Spieth closed with six pars for a 72 and tied for second with Blixt, who never went away but never really threatened. Blixt shot a 71.

"That was fun, but at the same time, it hurts right now," Spieth said. "I want-

ed to get in contention on the back nine Sunday, but didn't come out on top."

Watson finished at 8-under 280 and goes to a career-best No. 4 in the world.

Miguel Angel Jimenez, the 50-year-old wonder from Spain, shot 71 and finished alone in fourth. Matt Kuchar lost a share of the lead with a four-putt double bogey on the fourth hole and never challenged again. He closed with a 74 and tied for fifth with Rickie Fowler (73).

This was nine holes of theater everyone expected out of Sunday at Augusta National — except it was the front nine.

Nine players were separated by three shots at the start of the final round only for this to turn into a two-man show.

After trading pars on the opening hole, either Watson or Spieth — sometimes both — made birdie or bogey over the next nine holes. They matched birdies on the par-3 fourth hole when Spieth holed out from the front bunker and Watson hit his tee shot into 4 feet. Spieth led by as many as two shots for most of the front nine, and his spectacular overshadowed a steady hand from Watson. Two holes to close out the back nine changed everything. Amen Corner swung the Masters in Watson's favor for good. □



Jordan Spieth clutches his club after his approach shot on the eighth hole during the fourth round of the Masters golf tournament Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Augusta, Ga.

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Jordan Spieth finally looks his age at the Masters

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — As the errant shots began to pile up, Jordan Spieth swung his club angrily and spewed out his frustration for everyone to hear.

"Dang it, Jordan!" he muttered while strolling down a fairway at Augusta National. Finally, after three brilliant days, the kid showed his age. A major championship will have to wait.

"It stings right now," Spieth conceded, showing the impatience of youth.

The Texan is only 20, surely with a long career ahead of him. He was looking to

become the youngest major winner since the Depression and seemed to have a green jacket in his grasp when he walked off the seventh green with a two-shot lead, having made one birdie by holing out from a bunker, another with one of those testy downhill putts that are so often the mark of a Masters champion.

But the golfer who won't be old enough to drink alcohol for another three months couldn't keep it going Sunday, playing the last 11 holes at 3-over par. Bubba Watson, his playing partner in the final group, pulled away for a three-

stroke victory over Spieth and Sweden's Jonas Blixt.

"I feel like I'm ready to win," Spieth said. "Maybe I need just a little bit of course knowledge."

He was playing the Masters for the first time, and experience is certainly golden around this place.

Spieth discovered that at No. 8, where he thought he struck a perfect little wedge from right of the green — and watched in disbelief as it stopped 25 feet from the cup, leading to a three-putt bogey that changed the momentum of the day.

It was more of the same at

No. 9, where Spieth's approach came up just short and rolled back off the front of the green, resulting in another bogey before he made the turn.

Watson birdied both holes, by the way. Just like that, Spieth's two-shot lead was a two-shot deficit.

"I was 3 under through the first seven," Spieth said, shaking his head as he remembered the giddiness he felt just a couple of hours earlier. "If you had told me that when I woke up this morning, I would have thought it would be difficult for me not to win this golf tournament." □

Djokovic looks to maintain edge over rival Nadal

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MONACO (AP) — Novak Djokovic looks to continue his recent dominance over archrival Rafael Nadal at the Monte Carlo Masters, where he beat the Spaniard in the final last year, and boost his confidence as he bids to win his only missing major at the French Open. Monte Carlo is the first of three Masters tournaments played on clay and is followed by Madrid and Rome in May, leading up to the French Open, which starts May 25.

The six-time Grand Slam champion Djokovic narrowly lost to Nadal in a dramatic semifinal last year at Roland Garros, where a clumsy error at the net late in the fifth set curtailed the Serbian player's comeback, and then Nadal beat him in their next two meetings.

"Winning this title last year in the final against Nadal was definitely one of the highlights of my career. I really love playing in this tournament," Djokovic, who lives in Monaco part of the year, said Sunday. "My family comes in big numbers during this week so it makes me feel very comfortable, and at home."

The top-ranked Nadal's last

win against No. 2-ranked Djokovic was in the U.S. Open final, but since then Nadal has lost three consecutive matches in straight sets. Nadal leads him 22-18 in head-to-head matches and has 62 career titles compared to 43 for Djokovic.

"We're more or less the same generation. We're still 27 and 26 so we still have lots of time in front of us," said Djokovic, who is the younger player. "It's a huge challenge, there's no question about it ... I do not exclude any other players, but the rivalry I had with him is the biggest one so far."

The three straight defeats hurt even more because Nadal was unable to force a tiebreaker in any of them. "Sure it always affects (you) but I hope to (be) ready to be back and compete on clay," Nadal said. "In Miami I didn't play my best level in the final. I didn't compete well enough. I wasn't ready yet to play that match and he played great, but I didn't push him."

Last year's Monte Carlo final was dominated by Djokovic too, as he won 6-2, 7-6 (1) to end Nadal's eight-year winning run.

"I'm not going to win 14 (titles in a row). There's a start

for everybody and there's an end," Nadal said. "I know that I'm not going to keep winning all the tournaments on clay forever and (there is) going to arrive a day when I'm not going to win one more ... hopefully not yet."

The win here last year gave Djokovic the belief he could beat Nadal at Roland Garros. He almost did, losing 9-7 in an intensely-fought fifth set. Looking back, Djokovic thinks he put himself under too much pressure.

"Yeah, last year, I put a lot of energy, mental, physical, emotional, into winning that title. I have a different kind of approach this year," he said. "Last year it was more in my mind. It was more in my thoughts, constantly ... Of course, I want to put all my effort into winning Roland Garros, but when the time comes." Federer, meanwhile, returns to the Monte Carlo Country Club for the first time since 2011, when he lost to Jurgen Melzer in the quarterfinals.

Federer, who lost three straight finals to Nadal from 2006-08, has 78 career titles but has never won here.

Top-seeded Nadal is in the same half of the draw as third-seeded Stanis-



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, holds his winner's trophy after defeating Rafael Nadal, of Spain, 6-3, 6-3 during the Sony Open Tennis in Key Biscayne, Fla., Sunday, March 30, 2014.

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las Wawrinka and fourth-seeded Federer, and the Spaniard could meet No. 6 David Ferrer or Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov in the quarterfinals. Second-seeded Djokovic may face the fifth-seeded Berdych in the quarters.

Nadal faces either Frenchman Gilles Simon or qualifier Teymuraz Gabashvili of Russia in the second round on Wednesday. Djokovic plays qualifier Albert Montanes of Spain or Frenchman Benoit Paire.

Some first-round matches got underway on Sunday, with 17th-seeded Alexandr Dolgoplov breaking Latvia player Ernests Gulbis' serve twice in each set in a 6-2, 6-4 win, and Jeremy Chardy of France rallying to beat Igor Sijsling of the Netherlands 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5). Also, Russian Dmitry Tursunov won 6-1, 5-7, 6-3 against Dutchman Robin Hasse and Frenchman Nicolas Mahut downed wild card Dominic Thiem of Austria 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. □



Fernando Verdasco wins U.S. Men's Clay Court

HOUSTON (AP) — Fernando Verdasco won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship on Sunday for his sixth ATP World Tour title and first since 2010, beating Spanish compatriot Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 7-6 (4).

The 30-year-old Verdasco

Spain's Fernando Verdasco celebrates his win over countryman Nicolas Almagro in the final of the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship tennis tournament Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Houston.

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ended a six-match losing streak in tournament finals. He also reached the doubles final and had been on the court six hours longer than Almagro going into the final. "I'm so tired I don't know if I can talk so much," said Verdasco, seeded fourth. Almagro had a walkover in the semifinals when Sam Querrey pulled out because of back injury. The third-seeded Almagro reached set point five times against Verdasco's serve in the ninth game of second set,

but could not convert. He also up a mini-break in the tiebreaker before Verdasco fought back.

Almagro also finished second last year, losing to John Isner. Almagro has won all 12 of his titles on clay.

"You are never happy when you lose a final," Almagro said. "I had my chances. But I credit Fernando."

On Saturday in the doubles final, twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan beat Verdasco and David Marrero 4-6, 6-4, 11-9. □

Mike Conway wins wild IndyCar race at Long Beach

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AP Auto Racing Writer

LONG BEACH, California

(AP) — Tempers flared in almost every corner of the IndyCar paddock on Sunday at Long Beach, where Mike Conway was the unexpected winner of a surprisingly physical race.

Ryan Hunter-Reay dominated most of the race but triggered a seven-car accident 24 laps from the finish when he tried to make an aggressive pass of Josef Newgarden. It left team owner Michael Andretti shaking his head in disgust because the accident wiped out both Hunter-Reay and Andretti Autosport driver James Hinchcliffe, and team owner Sarah Fisher fumed on Twitter over Newgarden's day being ruined.

The accident opened the door for Scott Dixon to win the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach for the first time. But he was short on fuel by roughly half a lap and pitted with two laps to go. That gave Conway the lead, and the British driver cruised to his second career win on the temporary street course through the streets of Long Beach.

Conway, who also won at Long Beach in 2011,



Mike Conway, of England, celebrates his win in the IndyCar Grand Prix of Long Beach auto race, Sunday, April 13, 2014, in Long Beach, Calif.

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scored the win for Ed Carpenter Racing, a team that specializes in oval races. But Carpenter decided this year to get out of the car on road and street courses, and handed the wheel over to Conway, a driver who at the end of 2012 decided he no longer wanted to race on ovals.

"I can't believe it. I can't believe I'm actually here," Conway said in Victory Lane. "I wasn't sure Scott was going to pull in there. I couldn't see he was sav-

ing fuel where he should have been saving. Second would have been good, but this is awesome."

Dixon said he pitted when he did to avoid potentially running out of fuel on the track.

"The last thing I wanted to do was run out of gas in front of the whole field and cause a big accident," Dixon said.

One big accident had already occurred — when Hunter-Reay picked the wrong time to try to pass

Newgarden.

Newgarden had raced off of pit road in a successful bid to get back onto the track in front of Hunter-Reay and Hinchcliffe, the two Andretti drivers who had started on the front row.

But on cold tires, he wasn't going to be able to hold off Hunter-Reay for long. Only Hunter-Reay decided not to wait and tried to pass Newgarden as they entered a tight Turn 4. The two cars collided, Newgarden

was sent into the wall and Hunter-Reay bounced into Helio Castroneves' path.

Hinchcliffe ran into the back of Newgarden — Will Power and Conway successfully squeezed through the wreckage — but Takuma Sato, Tony Kanaan and Jack Hawksworth all ran into the crashed cars long after the accident began.

"I was on cold tires, it's very hard to control the car, I knew Hunter-Reay was on hot, and at some point he was probably going to get me," Newgarden said. "But I didn't expect anyone to come up on the inside of four. There's so little room there, you normally can't make a pass... the next thing I knew I was in the wall and I was just getting plowed into by everyone."

"That shouldn't happen up front. It really shouldn't. You shouldn't have incidents like that when you are running up front."

Team owner Fisher made her feelings known on Twitter: "It was our race to win and we got robbed by immaturity. Period," she posted.

Andretti seemed shell-shocked at two of his cars being put out of the race and Hinchcliffe did not mince words for his teammate.

"Patience is a virtue and someone wasn't very virtuous day. It was a rookie move," said Hinchcliffe, who suffered a sprained left thumb and will need to be re-examined before he's cleared to drive again.

Hunter-Reay didn't exactly accept responsibility.

"I could have waited a little bit later, maybe that's my fault," he said. "A lot of people say it's my fault. I made the decision at that split second when he had some wheel spin to go for it, that's the type of driver I am. I go for it."

"You don't know how down I am. Just very, very disappointed."

Power finished second — his fourth consecutive race dating to last season that he's finished either first or second — but had little time to enjoy the result. □

Terpstra wins Paris-Roubaix race

ROUBAIX, France (AP) —

Niki Terpstra of the Netherlands won the Paris-Roubaix race for the first time on Sunday, making a decisive break near the end of the one-day classic to win it by 20 seconds and upstage pre-race favorites Tom Boonen and Fabian Cancellara.

Belgian rider Boonen was looking to win the race for a record fifth time, and the Swiss star Cancellara, who finished in third place, for a fourth time.

Terpstra outwitted his Omega Pharma-QuickStep teammate Boonen after pulling ahead with about six kilometers (3.7 miles) remaining. Known as the "hell of the north" because it is so grueling, the race features about 50 kilometers

(31 miles) of cobblestone sections along the 257-kilometer (160-mile) route.

"Maybe not (the best day) in my life, but for sure my career," said Terpstra, who won in a little more than six hours. "I did the attack and I was in front but I didn't know (by) how many seconds. I was just pushing until the end."

German rider John Degenkolb finished second after beating Cancellara in a sprint to the line. Belgian rider Sep Vanmarcke was fourth and Czech cyclist Zdenek Stybar — Terpstra's teammate — was fifth.

Boonen attacked strongly from the front as a group of eight riders, including Peter Sagan, kept the pressure on the Tour of Flanders champion Cancellara, who was



Omega Pharma team cyclist Niki Terpstra of the Netherlands in action during the 112th edition of the Paris-Roubaix cycling classic, a 257 kilometer (159.69 mile) one day race, of which 51.1 kilometers (31.7 miles) are run on cobblestones, at the velodrome in Roubaix, northern France, on Sunday, April 13, 2014.

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tucked in the chasing pack and lacking his usual pace after being involved in a crash.

The only other four-time winner is Belgian Roger de

Vlaeminck, who won in 1972, '74, '75 and '77 and the 33-year-old Boonen will have to wait another year for a chance to break the record. □

Visions of 1964 World's Fair didn't all come true

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NEW YORK (AP) — Video phone calls? Yeah, we do that. Asking computers for information? Sure, several times a day. Colonies on the moon and jet packs as a mode of everyday transportation. OK, maybe not. The New York World's Fair of 1964 introduced 51 million visitors to a range of technological innovations and predictions, some that turned out to be right on the money and others that, perhaps thankfully, were way off the mark. At the Bell System pavilion, engineers touted a "picturephone" that allowed callers to see who they were talking to, a concept that lives on in modern-day apps such as Skype and FaceTime.

At the time, though, picture phones didn't take off, said Lori Walters, history professor at the University of Central Florida. She attributed that to high setup costs that made them accessible to relatively few. And at a time when many men attended the fair in coat and tie and women in dresses, people weren't quite ready to be seen on the phone at any hour, in their pajamas or worse.

"We were still a little more of a formal society," Walters said.

The fair also gave wide exposure to the power of computers, which at the time were seen as huge cabinets of blinking lights and electrodes operated by big corporations. At the IBM pavilion, visitors saw a computer system in which a machine took in a card with a date written on it and gave back another card with a news story from that date. At the NCR pavilion, a computer would answer scientific questions or give out recipes from a cookbook.

Hmm, asking a computer for information? Well, hello, Google.

"I don't think it's a stretch

to say in a lot of ways this fair was key to familiarizing people with and really normalizing the concept of working with computers," said Ryan Ritchey, a Philadelphia filmmaker who's making a documentary about the fair.

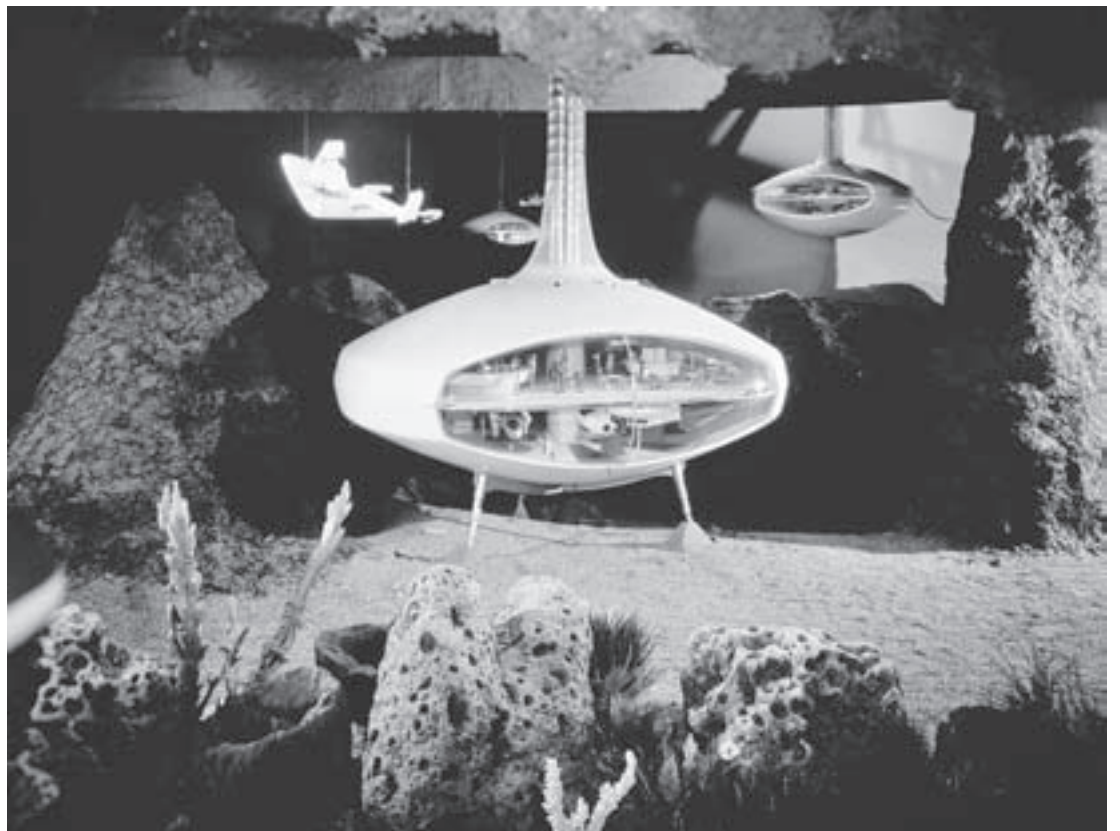
Another bit of technology (along with an annoyingly hard-to-forget song) was introduced by Walt Disney with the "It's a Small World" attraction: robotic animation.

That "animatronic" exhibit and three others, including one featuring a robotic President Abraham Lincoln, showed characters moving in lifelike ways, including smiling and blinking.

"This is the first time that millions of people had the opportunity to see something that could be described as robotic. The special effects you could see in the World's Fair blew away what you could see in the movies," said Joseph Tirella, author of a book about the fair.

Of course, not everything presented as the way of the future came to pass, as seen in some of the views of the future in the "Futurama 2" ride put together by General Motors. It included scenes of colonies on the moon as well as in Antarctica, huge underwater dwellings and a machine that used a laser to cut through rainforests, leaving behind paved roads.

And don't forget the jet packs, demonstrated by men who wore them and zoomed around the grounds, but which remain a mode of transport found primarily in science fiction. Regardless of whether such notions survived, observers say the fair offered a vision of the world's potential that made it seem like anything was possible. "It really seems like 50 years ago, we had more exciting visions for 50 years in the future than we do now," Ritchey said. □



This 1964 file photo from the World's Fair in the Queens borough of New York shows a view of the future in the "Futurama 2" ride put together by General Motors.

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A look at predictions of the 1964 World's Fair

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York World's Fair of 1964 introduced 51 million visitors to a range of technological innovations and predictions during its run. Fifty years later, some of those ideas have turned out to be commonplace in our world. Others? Not so much.

What they had right: — "Picturephone": Bell System introduced this innovation, which allowed people to see whom they were calling.

It didn't go over well at the time, but it's a concept that's an everyday part of our lives now in apps such as Skype and Facetime.

— Personal use of the computer: Several pavilions had exhibits set up where visitors could ask computers for information and get responses in seconds.

— Robotics: Walt Disney's "It's a Small World" exhibit introduced robotic animation in which characters sing, speak and make lifelike gestures such as smiles and blinks. It's still in use in theme parks and movies today.

— Ford Mustang: The two-



In this 1964 file photo provided by AT&T, a Picturephone is demonstrated at the AT&T Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair in the Queens borough of New York.

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seater sports car with its long hood and short rear deck was officially unveiled at the World's Fair and immediately became popular. It has remained in production ever since.

— Touch-tone phones: Originally introduced at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962, this was still the first time many visitors were exposed to this technology. What they had wrong:

— Colonies on the moon, underwater and in Antarctica: The "Futurama 2" ride from General Motors,

which featured images of people living in places where they clearly don't.

— Paved-over rainforests: Another image from "Futurama 2" featured a machine that used a laser to cut through the rainforests and left behind paved roads.

— Jet packs: There were demonstrations of jet pack power at the fair, with men wearing them and zooming around the grounds. Sadly, they remain a mode of transport found mainly in science fiction. □

Investor sentiment on tech tanks along with stocks

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The stock market's laws of gravity are ravaging its highest fliers.

Just look at the list of technology trailblazers whose values have plummeted from record highs during the past few weeks. Investors have re-focused on safer sectors such as utilities, health care and consumer staples instead of companies that promise potential growth from online services that are building huge audiences.

Stung by the abrupt change in sentiment, the stocks of recent stars such as Netflix, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn are 20 percent to 45 percent below their recent peaks. The steep downfall is raising questions about whether this is just a fleeting fit of fickleness or the foreshadowing of another market bubble about to burst.

Stocks across all sectors dropped Friday. The tech-driven Nasdaq composite index fell 54.37 points, or 1.3 percent to 3,999.73 to punctuate a punishing week, and is down 8 percent since early March, when it hit a 14-year closing high of 4,358. Last year, the Nasdaq soared 38 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17.39 points, or 0.95 percent, to 1,815.69 Friday. The S&P 500 is 4 percent off its recent high on April 2. Optimists expect a rebound. They point out that technology remains a bright spot in an otherwise dreary economy as software, computers, mobile devices and the Internet fill increasingly instrumental roles in work, entertainment and communications. "Tech is where the action is," says longtime industry analyst Roger Kay.

Pessimists view the tech sector as Ground Zero for a long-overdue reckoning. They say the stock market has been pumped up by the flood of money that the Federal Reserve has funneled into the long-term bond market since the financial meltdown of 2008

decimated the economy. Now that those government-backed bond purchases are tapering off, people are starting to realize "the only thing holding this balloon up is the Fed blowing air in it," said Fred Hickey, editor of The High-Tech Strategist newsletter. That's why he believes investors are parachuting from stocks that had soared

vices swells from 33 million at the end of last year to management's long-term hopes for 90 million. Even Netflix CEO Reed Hastings cited the "euphoria" surrounding the stock as he discussed the company's quarterly earnings last October. "We have a sense of momentum, investors driving the stock price more than we might normally,"

half its value as it tumbled down to about \$40. That still leaves Twitter with a market value of about \$28 billion.

"It's the most insane pricing I have seen since 2000," Hickey says of technology stock prices.

Invoking the year 2000 is touchy subject in technology circles because it harkens back to the end of the dot-com boom. The

nology index, according to S&P Capital IQ. Last month, the ratio stood at \$18.26 for every \$1 in earnings in the same index.

"This is like a little bubble that kind of popped up in the past year or so," said Daniel Morgan, a portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Company, who focuses mostly on technology. He noted that most tech



A person displays Netflix on a tablet in North Andover, Mass. Stocks are down for many technology companies, including Netflix, which is down 25 percent since early March 2014. Biotechnology companies have also been hit hard.

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola,)

to dizzying heights in a short period of time.

Internet video subscription service Netflix Inc., for instance, nearly quadrupled in value last year to top the charts of the bellwether Standard & Poor's 500 index. The company was worth \$27 billion by the time its stock peaked at \$458 early last month. At that price, investors were paying the equivalent of \$117 for every \$1 of Netflix's projected earnings. Investors were betting Netflix will become increasingly prosperous as the number of U.S. subscribers to its \$8-per-month video streaming ser-

Hastings said in a video presentation. "There's not a lot we can do about it." Netflix's stock closed Friday at \$326.71, nearly 30 percent below its peak.

Another mind-boggling run-up occurred after short messaging service Twitter Inc. priced its initial public offering at \$26 per share in November. By late last year, Twitter's stock had more than doubled to a peak of \$74.73. At that level, Twitter boasted a market value of roughly \$50 billion, even though the San Francisco company has never turned a profit in its eight-year history. The stock lost nearly

Nasdaq composite index closed at an all-time high of 5,047 in March 2000 and then plunged 78 percent before bottoming out at 1,108 in October 2002.

By one key measure, tech stocks aren't nearly as overvalued as they were in 2000 when the accelerating adoption of personal computers and the early days of the World Wide Web drove an investment fervor that lasted through most of the 1990s.

By March 2000, investors were paying \$68.72 for every \$1 in earnings generated by companies in the S&P 500 information tech-

stocks besides iPhone maker Apple Inc. have lagged other sectors since the current bull market began in March 2009.

While more speculative stocks such as Netflix and Twitter have seen big increases in the past year or so, Morgan noted that long-established tech companies are still holding up relatively well.

Many companies in this older crop, including Yahoo Inc., Microsoft, Cisco Systems Inc., Hewlett-Packard Co. and Intel Corp., still haven't surpassed their record highs from the 1990s and 2000.

Samsung calls on Google exec to defend innovation

BRIAN CHEN

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In Apple's latest patent fight with Samsung Electronics, lawyers on both sides are relying on the power of a good story to sway a jury. And Samsung is borrowing one from Google.

When Hiroshi Lockheimer joined Google in 2006, an early version of the company's Android operating system was running on a prototype device. The first smartphone including An-

droid was released more than two years later.

Google is not officially a defendant in this case, which opened last week. Apple is seeking about \$2 billion in damages from Samsung for violating a handful of mobile software patents. But most of Samsung's phones include Android, and some of the Apple patents involve features that Google put in Android.

Samsung's lawyers called Lockheimer as a witness so

he could demonstrate how Android was well into development before the iPhone was introduced, making it unlikely that Apple was copied by Google and, by extension, Samsung. When asked by Samsung's lawyer whether Google had ever tried to copy Apple's iPhone, which was introduced in January 2007, Lockheimer said Google wanted to do the opposite. Unlike the iPhone, which runs software that only

runs on Apple's hardware, Google wanted to offer a free software system that all manufacturers could install on their phones, he said. "We like to have our own identity," Lockheimer said. "We have our own ideas." Android would eventually evolve to add features the iPhone lacked, he said, like the ability to run multiple apps at the same time. Over time, Android has become by far the most popular mobile oper-

ating system in the world, running on more than 1 billion devices. Samsung is the largest phone maker in the world, and Apple is No. 2. Lockheimer's testimony was in stark contrast to statements made by Apple's witnesses earlier in the trial. Apple called on executives and employees to tell a story about the development and release of the iPhone, followed by the company's reaction to Samsung smartphones. □

Lieber Column:

Financial advice for people who aren't rich

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For a couple of years now, a number of entrepreneurs have been racing to solve the same problem: the financial services industry's persistent inability to provide personalized advice and appropriate investments at a reasonable price to customers who are not rich. It was easy at first for established players to dismiss companies like Betterment, Wealthfront and LearnVest as robo-advisers, niche services or certain failures. That line of thinking wrote their offerings off as training wheels for know-nothing young adults until they graduated to a grown-up, gray-haired financial adviser - even though these startups gathered piles of fancy venture capital money. But recent developments

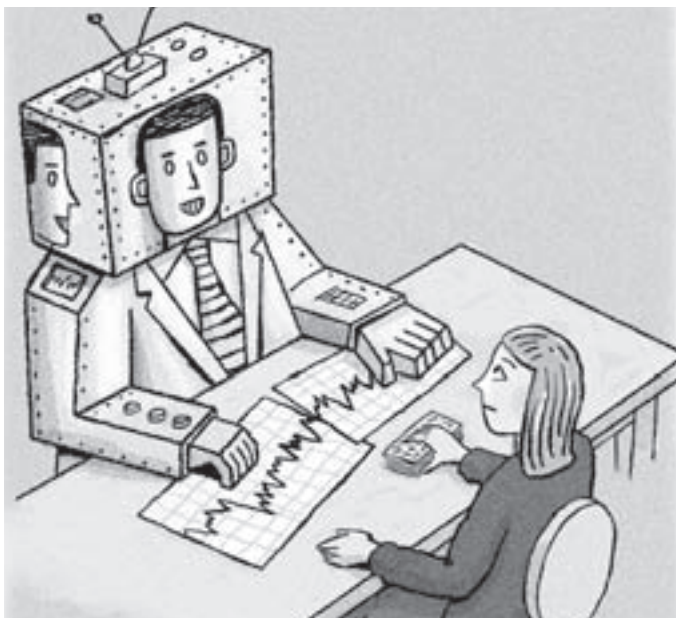
suggest that those new players may be something more than the starter homes of the personal finance world. Betterment, which builds and manages

investment portfolios of index and exchange-traded funds, realized that 20 percent of its assets were from customers older than 50. They were asking for ad-

vice on withdrawing their retirement money, and the company is now introducing a service to assist them. Then there's the index fund giant Vanguard, whose investment products are often at the heart of the portfolios these new services are building for their own paying customers. It is now piloting an offering of its own that nearly matches the new players on price while offering unlimited financial planning along with investment management. That's something that most of the new "we'll run your money for you" companies don't offer. Vanguard's full-service offering, called Personal Advisor Services, costs 0.3 percent annually of the assets it's managing. For now, customers need \$100,000 in accounts there to par-

ticipate, but the company plans to drop the minimum to \$50,000 at some point soon. An existing Vanguard service that resembles the new one costs 0.7 percent annually on the first \$1 million and requires at least \$500,000 on balance. This new program, which has no wait list for now but may add one if too many people sign up, may not work, though Vanguard has spent more than two years planning and testing it. But by extending both investment advice and planning to many more customers and asking them to pay less than half of what some of its other customers pay, Vanguard is all but admitting that the startups were right in identifying an enormous advice gap in the financial services industry.

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For better or worse, there are plenty of options for those who want investment advice but cannot or will not pay for it.
(Robert Neubecker/The New York Times)

Herbalife shares decline on criminal inquiry news

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Herbalife shares plunged this weekend after a news report linked the diet supplements company to a criminal investigation.

The Financial Times reported that federal prosecutors and the FBI were scrutinizing Herbalife, news that ignited a sell-off in Herbalife shares. The stock finished the day down nearly 14 percent at \$51.48.

The hedge fund manager William A. Ackman has

staked a billion-dollar bet that the company is a pyramid scheme.

But it is unclear whether the FBI investigation has gained much momentum. An official briefed on the matter told The New York Times that the inquiry had continued for several months without Herbalife receiving a subpoena. It is possible, the official said, that the authorities will close the case without taking action against Herbalife.

For its part, Herbalife cast some additional doubt,

saying that it was unaware of any criminal inquiry. It would be somewhat unusual for authorities not to contact a company if a monthlong criminal investigation had yielded major breakthroughs.

"We have no knowledge of any ongoing investigation by the DOJ or the FBI, and we have not received any formal nor informal request for information from either agency," Herbalife said in a statement. "Herbalife does not intend to make any additional comments

regarding this matter unless and until there are material developments."

The criminal inquiry coincides with civil investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission. Both regulatory agencies, which face a lower burden of proof than criminal authorities, could fine Herbalife if they conclude its marketing practices amount to a pyramid scheme.

The investigations are focused on Herbalife's direct-

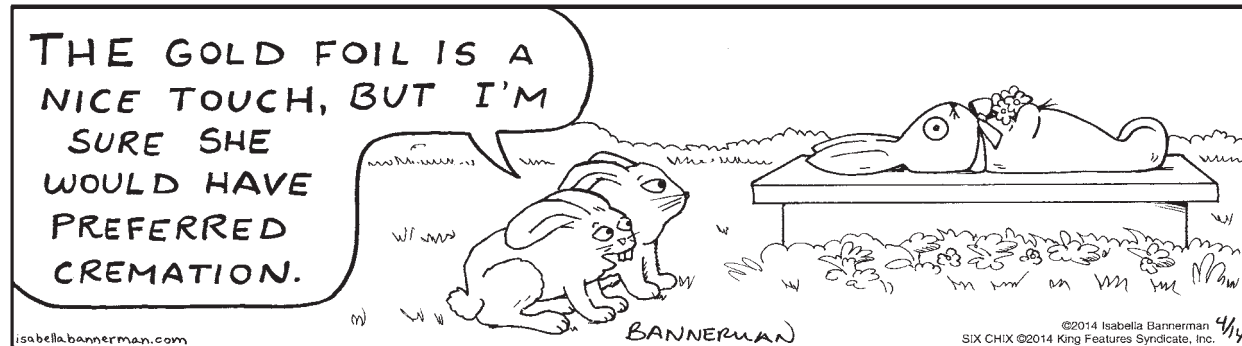
selling business model. The company distributes its diet shakes, supplements and other products through a network of sales representatives.

To show that it is operating within the law, Herbalife might have to demonstrate that it sells a majority of its products outside the sales network to consumers. If authorities conclude that the bulk of Herbalife's revenue is derived from recruiting rather than sales, then the company could face a regulatory action. □

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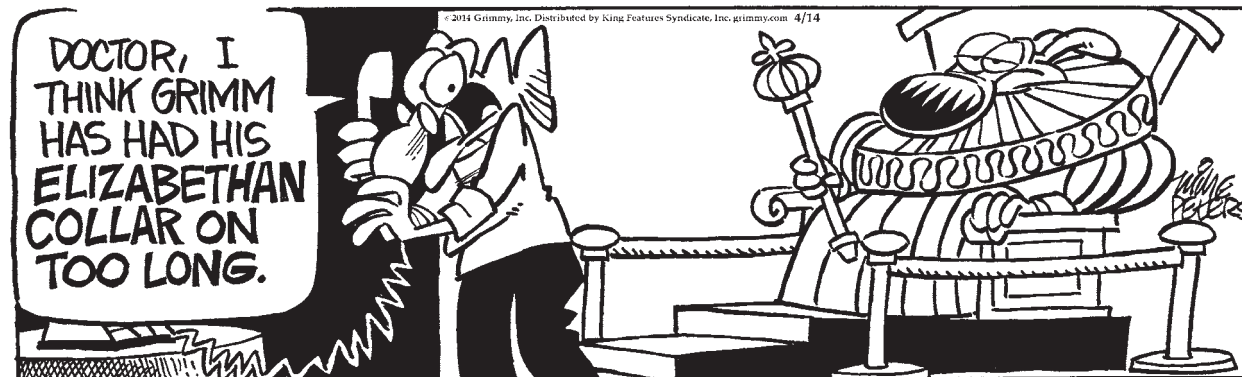
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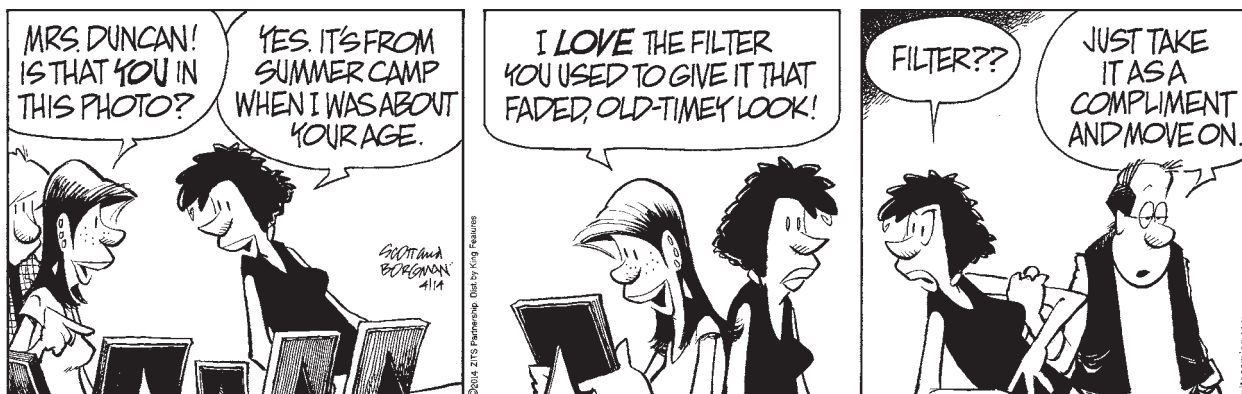
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

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- 15 Range
- 16 "___ a nice day!"
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- 20 Derelict in duty
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- 23 Clinton's VP
- 24 Feeling blue
- 26 Peaceful
- 29 Using a coffee mill
- 34 Babble
- 35 Dried plum
- 36 Neither's partner
- 37 Serling and Stewart
- 38 Injured arm support
- 39 Sheet of ice on the sea
- 40 Happy ___ clam
- 41 Gas and coal
- 42 Waterbirds
- 43 Bus station
- 45 Attach firmly
- 46 Recede
- 47 Dryer residue
- 48 One of the Three Bears
- 51 Setting up
- 56 Not up yet
- 57 Object; article
- 58 Calf meat
- 60 Japanese wrestling form
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- 62 Consequently
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- 65 24-hour period

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The fact that so many start-ups have jumped into this space speaks to a problem with a basic business model that has plagued the financial advice industry for decades. Helping people sort through their investments, budgets, employee benefits, taxes, estate planning and insurance takes time. No two clients are exactly alike.

If advisers earn their compensation through commissions from investment or insurance companies, they're likely to favor those funds and policies. This often isn't in the best interest of the customers, most of whom ought to be in low-cost index funds. And the better index funds and similar investments tend to come from companies that don't pay commissions. Customers can pay advisers directly, and many do pay them 1 percent each year of the money under management. But a large number of the best advisers won't get out of bed for less than \$5,000 or \$10,000 annually (drawn from a \$500,000 or

\$1,000,000 portfolio), given the amount of time and resources it takes to do right by a client. Some others charge by the hour and still agree to work in a client's best interest, but plenty of customers dislike being on the clock.

Some people need no professional help. They don't mind spending time managing their finances. They invest in the right things, don't bail out when the markets go bonkers and don't have messy financial situations resulting from inheritances or disabled children or small-business tax complications. But companies like Betterment and Wealthfront realized that many other people wanted a bit of hand-holding when it came to investments. So they built easy-to-use sites that sought customers' goals and risk tolerance and then put the money into a portfolio of index or exchange-traded funds. To address the question about what these random entrepreneurs know about investing, both companies cite decades of research about the right way to construct their collections of investments and rebalance customer holdings

when markets rise and fall. While many traditional financial planners are crossing their fingers and hoping no all-out price war breaks out, there is some pricing innovation around the edges. New this month is a service called the XY Planning Network. Michael Kitces, a co-founder, had long observed an intense frustration among his younger financial planning peers who couldn't afford to serve average people in their 20s and 30s without pushing bad investments and inappropriate insurance on them. The network will pair consumers up with planners who are willing to work on a monthly retainer and make money only from the fees they charge their customers. The network is considering teaming up with Betterment to handle investments so its planners can focus on all of the other aspects of their customers' financial lives. That potential pairing suggests the possibility that all of these services are, in fact, complementary and not competitive, but you wouldn't know it by viewing a hysterical video making the rounds in the industry. Set to spooky music, □

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NASA approves space station supply launch

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AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — NASA is pressing ahead with Monday's planned launch of a supply ship despite a critical computer outage at the International Space Station, determining the situation is safe.

Mission managers decided Sunday to proceed with the countdown for the SpaceX Dragon capsule, already a month late in delivering more than 2 tons of cargo.

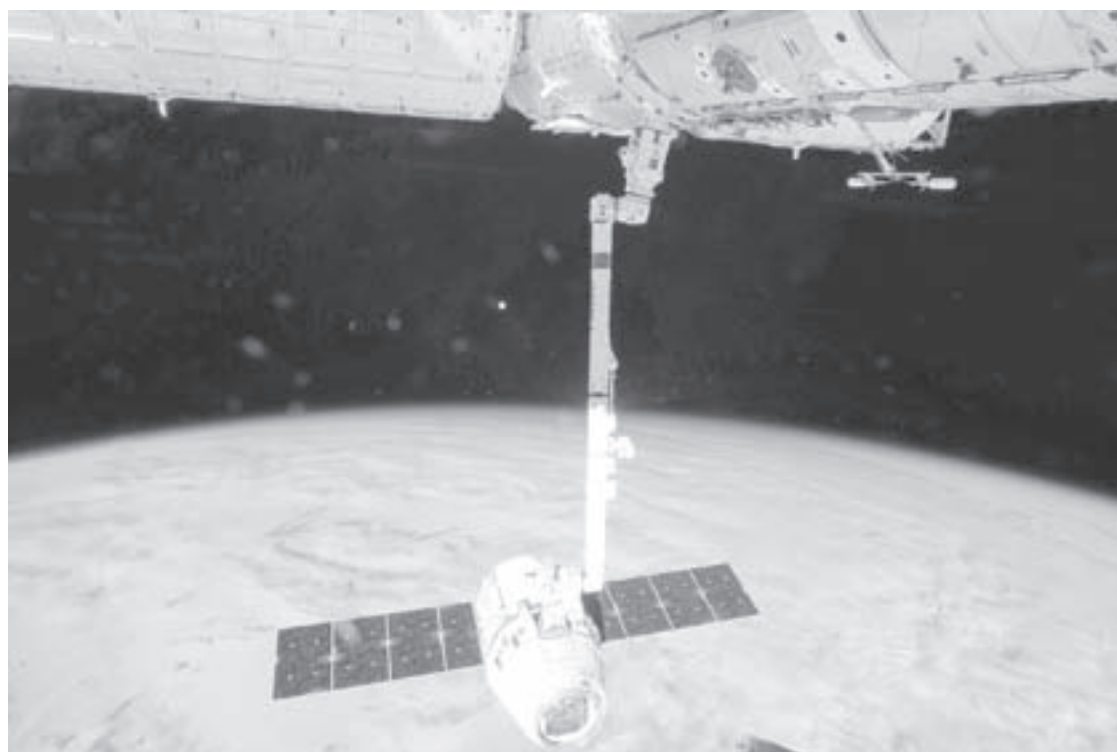
"We're good to go," said NASA space station program manager Mike Suffredini.

Suffredini noted the many important supplies aboard the Dragon, including a new spacesuit and repair parts for the older spacesuits already in orbit. Much-needed food is also packed away.

"There's a certain amount of urgency to go ahead and get these vehicles" at the space station, Suffredini told reporters. These shipments have to fit around other space station operations, like crew comings and goings.

"Things start to bunch up," Suffredini said, "and so we're just trying to fly as soon as we safely can, which is what we believe we're doing."

This backup computer, located on the outside of the space station, mysteri-



This Tuesday, March 26, 2013 file photo provided by NASA shows the release of the SpaceX Dragon-2 spacecraft from the International Space Station.

Associated Press

ously failed to work when activated Friday. The main computer kept operating perfectly, and the six-man crew was never in any danger. NASA debated whether to delay the SpaceX mission and, on Sunday, determined the station has sufficient redundancy to safely support the visiting vessel.

A spacewalk will be required, meanwhile, to replace the bad computer. Engineers don't know why it failed.

Suffredini said the spacewalk will be conducted by a pair of astronauts on April 22, using suits outfitted with new fan components

to avoid the near-disaster that occurred last summer. An Italian astronaut almost drowned when his helmet flooded with water from the suit's cooling system.

An April 22 spacewalk will give SpaceX two chances to get its unmanned Dragon capsule flying. Good weather is forecast for Monday's 4:58 p.m. (2058 GMT) launch. If that doesn't work,

the next launch attempt for the California company's Falcon rocket would come Friday.

NASA rushed material for the computer replacement job to the Cape Canaveral launch site over the weekend, for packing into the Dragon. While not essential, the gasket-like item will make the task easier for the astronauts.

For the past few years, NASA has been paying SpaceX — Space Exploration Technologies Corp. — and Virginia-based Orbital Sciences Corp. to keep the station well stocked. The need arose after the space shuttles — NASA's workhorses for station shipments — were retired in 2011. Russia, Europe and Japan also make occasional deliveries.

As soon as the Dragon soars, the space station's solar panels will be moved into the proper position for its arrival, Suffredini said. That will guard against any complications resulting from additional computer breakdowns. Luckily, the sun's angle is favorable right now for thermal conditions at the outpost, he noted.

More than a dozen of these computers, called MDMs or multiplexer-demultiplexers, are located on the exterior of the space station. This was the first one to fail outside; it's been in place for more than a decade and was a backup for the thermal cooling system, solar-wing rotating joints, railcar for the robot arm, and other systems.

Harvard study suggests 'Jesus' wife' text not fake

PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — New scientific tests suggest a fragment of papyrus in which Jesus speaks of "my wife" is more likely an ancient document than a forgery, according to an article published Thursday by the Harvard Theological Review.

The text, which is written in Coptic and is roughly the size of a business card, specifically contains the phrase "Jesus said to them,

my wife."

Karen King, a Harvard professor of divinity, says the papyrus probably dates to eighth century Egypt, based on radiocarbon dating and tests on the ink's chemical composition.

"If it was written in the eighth or even the ninth century, it's still an ancient document," she said in a conference call Thursday. "It's not a modern forgery." But, she stressed, the fragment doesn't prove that

the historical Jesus was actually married. Most reliable evidence from early Christianity is silent on Jesus' marital status, King added.

If anything, she says, the papyrus provides insight into early Christianity's debates over family life.

"Early Christians were extremely interested in whether or not they should marry or be celibate or whether it was OK to have a family or whether one should remain virginal," King said.



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With \$41.4M, 'Captain America' holds off 'Rio 2'

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Captain America" continued to flex its Marvel muscle at the global box office, as "The Winter Soldier" took in \$41.4 million domestically and \$60.6 million overseas. The strong second-week performance for the Walt Disney release in North America was enough to narrowly edge 20th Century Fox's "Rio 2" in a spring-time battle of sequels. The animated Amazon jungle tale "Rio 2" debuted with \$39 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, almost exactly the opening weekend total of the 2011 Oscar-nominated original. But "Captain America" has grown considerably in stature since its 2011 original, "The First Avenger." With a global cumulative total of nearly \$477 million, "The Winter Soldier" has (in two weeks domestically, three weeks internationally) easily surpassed the \$370 million total of "The First Avenger."

For a superhero whose costume is draped with the U.S. flag, Captain America (played by Chris Evans) has proven particularly popular abroad. The international appeal of such a traditionally patriot figure was once doubted.

"The traditional rules just don't apply anymore. It's really about that Marvel brand," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "'Captain America' can play in Peoria just as well as Hong Kong."

Two other new releases opened in a distant third and fourth place.

The low-budget supernatural horror film "Oculus" took in \$12 million for Relativity Media.

The football drama "Draft



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Gabi, voiced by Kristin Chenoweth, in a scene from the animated film "Rio 2."

Associated Press

Day," starring Kevin Costner and directed by Ivan Reitman, debuted weakly with \$9.8 million. Made with the cooperation of the National Football League, the Lionsgate release is the second movie this year, along with the thriller "3 Days to Kill," to attempt to restore the 59-year-old Costner to leading man status.

The overall box office for the year is up more than 7 percent over 2013's record box-office haul. The month of April has been propelled especially by the summer-style release of "The Winter Soldier" and a number of less likely successes.

With \$39.5 million domestically, the Wes Anderson caper "The Grand Budapest Hotel" has performed exceptionally in a gradual release by Fox Searchlight. The independently released Christian film "God's Not Dead," from Freestyle Releasing, has made a whopping \$40.7 million in four weeks.

Just holding in the top five was Lionsgate's teen science-fiction franchise-starter "Divergent," which added \$7.5 million in its fourth week to bring its cumulative total to \$124.9 million. Lionsgate announced Friday that the third installment in the series (a sequel for 2015 is already in the works) will be split into two releases. The final book in Veronica Roth's young-adult trilogy, "Allegiant," will be made into two installments, one to open in March 2016, the other in March 2017.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, latest international numbers are also included.

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Richard Dreyfuss loves acting, but his passion is politics

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Politically, Richard Dreyfuss describes himself as “intensely pre-partisan, and even more intensely anti-shmuck.”

The 66-year-old Oscar winner almost immediately injected politics into an hour-long conversation with actress Ileana Douglas about his life and career Friday as part of the TCM Classic Film Festival. Dreyfuss was even more outspoken in a later interview with The Associated Press, calling for a “civil strike” in support of the U.S. Constitution to encourage civic participation.

“I’m going to send you a copy of the preamble to the Constitution,” he said. “If there’s anything in it that you don’t agree with, don’t sign it; just send me back an explanation. You will agree with everything, because it’s beautifully crafted and it’s meant for all. And if I get 500,000 signatures, I’m going to call for a civil strike.”

“What I would do is pick a



Richard Dreyfuss poses for a photo at The Roosevelt Hotel, on Friday, April 11, 2014 in Los Angeles. Associated Press

weekday, and according to the time zone, 12:30 in the East, 9:30 in the West, you don’t go, you don’t do, you don’t call, you don’t buy. You don’t do NOTHING for 30 minutes. That’s not enough to hurt the economy, but it’s enough to get their attention.”

As you’ve probably guessed, Dreyfuss is even more passionate about

politics than he is about acting these days. He still takes roles — including one in a current TV pilot he won’t discuss — but he doesn’t feel the same fire as before. “I had this urgency to act,” he said of his early career. “And then after 50 years, I realized that it had mellowed into a friendship and I didn’t have to do it. ... I love acting. I love it. I just

don’t have to do it.”

There’s no part he’s yearning to play, though he likes the idea of performing Shakespeare on radio.

What Dreyfuss does have to do, as a descendent of generations of activists, is express his frustration with the elected and the electorate and try to do something about it. (“From the outside,” he said, “it looks like America is taking acid.”) The actor took a hiatus from Hollywood to study at Oxford and establish his nonprofit Dreyfuss Initiative in 2003 to promote civics education in

American schools.

“We’re absolutely hypnotized into a state of denial or into the state of, ‘I have no power to do anything. I’m powerless.’ And that, in fact, is incorrect,” he said. “The power lies in the people. No kidding, it really does ...

“When people aren’t taught they have sovereign power ... if they’re not taught it, they don’t got it. And they’re not taught it.”

During his earlier film festival appearance at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Dreyfuss cited the first U.S. president:

“Washington said that the Constitution should always be central and the parties should always be peripheral,” Dreyfuss said, “and we have it turned around now.”

He also shared memories of working with Steven Spielberg on “Jaws” and “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” He talked about working with Audrey Hepburn, doing the voiceover for “Stand By Me” and Neil Simon’s “perfect script” for 1977’s “The Goodbye Girl,” for which Dreyfuss won the lead actor Oscar.

He also talked about the magic of movies.

“No art form has ever swept the world like this one,” he said. □

Jerry Lewis : Women are funny, but not when crude

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry Lewis says women are funny, but not as crude stand-up comics.

The 88-year-old entertainer was criticized for expressing his distaste for female comedians a few years ago, but in clarifying his comments, he called Lucille Ball “brilliant” and said Carol Burnett is “the greatest female entrepreneur of comedy.”

Ball “went to the lowest level of the barrel, and she was brilliant because of it,” Lewis said Saturday after leaving his hand and footprints in cement outside Hollywood’s Chinese Theatre.

“Seeing a woman project the kind of aggression that you have to project as a comic just rubs me wrong. And they’re funny — I



Actor and comedian Jerry Lewis poses during an interview at TCL Chinese Theatre on Saturday, April 12, 2014 in Los Angeles. Associated Press

mean you got some very, very funny people that do beautiful work — but I have a problem with the lady up there that’s going to give birth to a child — which is a miracle,” Lewis said. “But when you have women like Carol Burnett, that’s the greatest female entrepreneur of comedy. I

just saw Carol at the Smith Center at home in Vegas, and I was stunned by how brilliant she is and how brilliantly she brings the audience right up to her.”

Lewis was accompanied by his wife and daughter at the cement ceremony, during which he asked his daughter to take a bow. □

Jennifer Lopez, Laverne Cox win GLAAD Media Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jennifer Lopez has added a couple of more trophies to her block.

The pop star and “American Idol” judge was honored Saturday night at the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards with the Vanguard Award, which lauds efforts to increase visibility and understanding of the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community. In addition to being an outspoken advocate for gay rights, Lopez serves as executive producer of the ABC Family

series “The Fosters,” which centers on a lesbian couple raising their children. “The Fosters” also won the award for outstanding drama series.

Other winners at the Beverly Hilton Hotel ceremony included NBC’s soap opera “Days of Our Lives” for daily drama, Fuse’s “Big Free-dia: Queen of Bounce” for reality program, Tegan and Sara for music artist, and “Young Avengers” for comic book. “Bridegroom” and “Call Me Kuchu” tied for the outstanding documentary trophy. □

Health Care Nightmares



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When it comes to health reform, Republicans suffer from delusions of disaster. They know, just know, that the Affordable Care Act is doomed to utter failure, so failure is what they see, never mind the facts on the ground. Thus, on Tuesday, Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader, dismissed the push for pay equity as an attempt to "change the subject from the nightmare of Obamacare"; on the same day, the nonpartisan RAND Corp. released a study estimating "a net gain of 9.3 million in the number of American adults with health insurance coverage from September 2013 to mid-March 2014." Some nightmare. And the overall gain, including children and those who signed up during the late-March enrollment surge, must be considerably larger. But while Obamacare is looking like anything but a nightmare, there are indeed some nightmarish things happening on the health care front. For it turns out that there's a startling ugliness of spirit abroad in modern America - and health reform has brought that ugliness out into the open. Let's start with the good news about reform, which keeps coming in. First, there was the amazing come-from-behind surge in enrollments. Then there were a series of surveys - from Gallup, the Urban Institute, and RAND - all suggesting large gains in coverage. Taken individually, any one of these indicators might be dismissed as an outlier, but taken together they paint an unmistakable picture of major progress.

But wait: What about all the people who lost their policies thanks to Obamacare? The answer is that this looks more than ever like a relatively small issue hyped by right-wing propaganda. RAND finds that fewer than 1 million people who previously had individual insurance became uninsured - and many of those transitions, one guesses, had nothing to do with Obamacare. It's worth noting that, so far, not one of the supposed horror stories touted in Koch-backed anti-reform advertisements has stood up to scrutiny, suggesting that real horror stories are rare.

It will be months before we have a full picture, but it's clear that the number of uninsured Americans has already dropped significantly - not least in McCon-

nell's home state. It appears that around 40 percent of Kentucky's uninsured population has gained coverage, and we can expect a lot more people to sign up next year.

Republicans clearly have no idea how to respond to these developments. They can't offer any real alternative to Obamacare, because you can't achieve the good stuff in the Affordable Care Act, like coverage for people with pre-existing medical conditions, without also including the stuff they hate, the requirement that everyone buy insurance and the subsidies that make that requirement possible. Their political strategy has been to talk vaguely about replacing reform while waiting for its inevitable collapse. And what if reform doesn't collapse? They have no idea what to do. At the state level, however, Republican governors and legislators are still in a position to block the act's expansion of Medicaid, denying health care to millions of vulnerable Americans. And they have seized that opportunity with gusto: Most Republican-controlled states, totaling half the nation, have rejected Medicaid expansion. And it shows. The number of uninsured Americans is dropping much faster in states accepting Medicaid expansion than in states rejecting it.

What's amazing about this wave of rejection is that it appears to be motivated by pure spite. The federal government is prepared to pay for Medicaid expansion, so it would cost the states nothing, and would, in fact, provide an inflow of dollars. Health economist Jonathan Gruber, one of the principal architects of health reform - and normally a very mild-mannered guy - recently summed it up: The Medicaid-rejection states "are willing to sacrifice billions of dollars of injections into their economy in order to punish poor people. It really is just almost awesome in its evilness." Indeed.

And while supposed Obamacare horror stories keep on turning out to be false, it's already quite easy to find examples of people who died because their states refused to expand Medicaid. According to one recent study, the death toll from Medicaid rejection is likely to run between 7,000 and 17,000 Americans each year.

But nobody expects to see a lot of prominent Republicans declaring that rejecting Medicaid expansion is wrong, that caring for Americans in need is more important than scoring political points against the Obama administration. As I said, there's an extraordinary ugliness of spirit abroad in today's America, which health reform has brought out into the open.

And that revelation, not reform itself - which is going pretty well - is the real Obamacare nightmare. □



Where The GOP Gets It Right



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Republicans may seem like ultimate Scrooges. Many want to slash food stamps, unemployment benefits and just about any program that helps the needy. So they know nothing about poverty, right?

Wrong. Actually, conservatives have been proved right about three big ideas of social policy. Liberals may grimace, but hear me out on these points:

Strong families - Conservatives highlight the primacy of family and argue that family breakdown exacerbates poverty, and they're right. Children raised by single parents are three times as likely to live in poverty as kids in two-parent homes.

One historic mistake by liberals in social policy was the condemnation of Daniel Patrick Moynihan's warning in 1965 of the breakdown of the African-American family. He wasn't racist; he was prescient, for the same breakdown has since occurred in white-working-class families as well.

Yet if Republicans were shown to be right in their diagnosis of family breakdown as a central problem, they have mostly been proved wrong in their prescriptions. Particularly under President George W. Bush, millions of dollars were spent on marriage promotion initiatives, and follow-up studies show that overwhelmingly they failed to have an effect. Abstinence-only

sex education is another demonstrated failure.

What does work to strengthen families and reduce out-of-wedlock births?

There are no magic wands, but family-planning programs have reduced unplanned births - and 70 percent of pregnancies among unmarried women under 30 are unplanned. The Guttmacher Institute calculates that without family-planning services, the rate of unintended teen pregnancies would be 73 percent higher.

So it's hard to think of a more anti-family policy than the closure of family-planning clinics in states like Texas, or the two-thirds cut (after inflation) in the main federal family-planning program since 1980. That's a national shame.

One landmark initiative to help in this area is the Affordable Care Act, which requires insurers to offer free long-acting contraceptives to all women. Research suggests strongly that this will reduce abortions and out-of-wedlock births, while strengthening marriage, yet Republicans are fighting this mandate.

Job Creation - President Ronald Reagan was right when he said that the best social program is a job. Good jobs also strengthen families. Evidence has grown that jobs are important not only to our economic well-being but also to self-esteem. Indeed, long-term unemployment seems to lead to shortened life expectancy.

Two decades ago, President Bill Clinton pushed to "end welfare as we know it." Liberals protested that the poor would be devastated, while conservatives hailed this as an avenue out of poverty. In retrospect, neither prediction was right. Welfare reform pushed the poor into jobs, but mostly marginal jobs that rarely offered an escalator to the middle class.

So how do we get good jobs? Expansion of the earned-income tax credit. Job training for people coming out of prison. Reduced incarceration, since a prison record makes people less employable. Subsidies to hire the long-term unemployed. Vocational programs like Career Academies.

Yet these are the kinds of social policies that Democrats tend to

embrace and Republicans are leery of.

School reform - Republicans were right to blow the whistle on broken school systems, for education in inner-city schools is the civil rights issue of the 21st century. Democrats, in cahoots with teachers' unions and protective of a dysfunctional system, were long part of the problem.

Bravo to Republicans for protesting that teachers' unions were sometimes protecting disastrous teachers (including, in New York City, one who passed out drunk in her classroom, with even the principal unable to rouse her). Likewise, some of the most successful schools in the inner cities have been charters in the Knowledge Is Power Program, showing what is possible even in troubled cities.

Yet Democrats, led by President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan, are coming around, and teachers' unions have moderated. Republicans sometimes suggest that our biggest educational problem is teachers' unions themselves. That's absurd. States with strong teachers' unions in the North like Massachusetts have better schools than states in the South with weak unions.

Meanwhile, one of the most important evidence-backed school reforms is public preschool and home visitation for disadvantaged kids, yet Republicans are blocking any national move to universal prekindergarten (even though Republican-led states like Oklahoma are leaders in pre-K). So, come on, Republicans! You've highlighted enduring truths about the importance of family, jobs and school reform.

But, while your diagnoses deserve respectful consideration, your prescriptions have mostly been proved wrong.

One more thing: These aren't just abstract policies. These are ethical issues, touching on our obligations to fellow humans.

If we offer the needy nothing but slogans and reprimands - "Strengthen your family! Get a job! Get an education!" - then our anti-poverty programs are a cruel joke, as bankrupt as Marie Antoinette's "Let them eat cake." □

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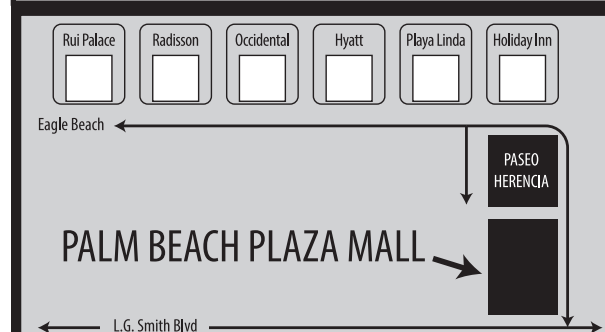
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